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EVENTS

- Fridays, Aug-Sept
Farmer's Market
City Park 3-7 PM
- Aug 1 NC PTO
Pancake Breakfast
@Red Front 7 to 10
- Aug 1 Orchestra 3
PM Zions Mercantile
- Aug 7 Teddy Bears
11 to 4 @ Library
- Aug 14 Historical
Society Meeting 6 PM
Rhiemberger Museum

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updated schedules see
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John "Walldog" McCarty



John spent four days in June in Ridgeland, Wisconsin, population 300, where he participated in a Wall Dog event. The Walldog organization began in Wisconsin in 1993, with the purpose of beautifying cities by changing them with public art that became a collaborative, community-wide event.

Since then, Walldogs have met once a year in various locations that have done their due diligence of fundraising, getting approval with the city and building owners, creating a logo, selecting subject matter, and designing the artwork. Money raised goes for materials, paint, panels, lift and scaffolding rent.

This year's murals were designed to represent Menomonie, Wisconsin area places and local stories. Two-hundred artists from 30 states and 4 countries were accepted to lend their expertise painting 15 pre-designed murals for the event. Each mural was assigned from 12-15 people. John was assigned to a 10' x 30' mural commemorating Ridgeland's Community Fair. While artists weren't paid, acceptance included room and board as well as the camaraderie of like-minded artists who met and worked with new friends as they painted their hearts out.



Article by Karen Ihirg

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATE 110 YEARS

The Knights of Columbus, a prominent Catholic fraternal organization founded over a century ago, continues to serve the community of Nauvoo and beyond through charity, faith, and brotherhood. The local Council #1853, known as the Alleman Council, has played a vital role in fostering community spirit and supporting those in need since its inception. It celebrated the 110th anniversary of its founding recently with a pork tenderloin fundraiser with 232 people enjoying the meal. Founded in October 1916, Alleman Council #1853 was established under the leadership of Msgr. Leo Tholen, then pastor of Saint Peter and Paul Church. The council was named in honor of Father John Alleman, a missionary priest who served the Nauvoo area in the 1840s and 1850s. An enduring symbol of the council's history is the gavel and block engraved with "carved from Father Alleman's pear tree," passed down through generations.

The Alleman Council's activities extend beyond spiritual support. In the early 2020s, the council outgrew its original hall at 1279 Mulholland Street. Thanks to a generous donation from the Kraus family of the former Kraus Furniture Store located next door, along with the hard work of many members and some professional hired help, the council converted the space into a modern, accessible hall featuring a legal kitchen, handicap accessible restrooms, and seating for over twice as many people.

Led by Grand Knight Gabe Cuthbert and Chaplain Deacon Dan Moffitt, the council remains active in community service. Its events include serving at local festivals such as the Grape Festival, Pumpkin Walk, and Oktoberfest, as well as hosting Lenten fish fries, trivia nights, and bingo. The council also conducts its annual Tootsie Roll drive during the Grape Festival parade, with proceeds benefiting the Hancock County Mental Health Department. Beyond fundraising, the hall hosts men's and women's Bible studies, community fundraisers, and is available for private rentals, fostering fellowship and faith-based activities.

The Knights of Columbus welcome practicing Catholic men aged 18 and older to join and become part of this enduring brotherhood. With dedication and community spirit, the Alleman Council aims to serve and support the community for at least another 110 years of service in Nauvoo.

For more information or to join, interested men are encouraged to contact the council directly and become part of a global movement rooted in faith and service. *Excerpt from article by Alan Moberly*



AUGUST MEETINGS

- Aug 5 Hotel Motel Board
4:30 PM
City Center
- Aug 6 Economic
Development
4 PM City Center
- Aug 10 Finance Meeting
4:30 PM City Center
- Aug 11 City Council
7:30 PM City Center
- Aug 19 Betterment Association
7 PM City Center
- Aug 17 School Board
7 PM N-C School
- Aug 17 Library Board
6 PM Library
- Aug 25 Fire Protection
meeting 7 PM Fire Dept

NC Elementary Back to School

Returning student online registration happening now
 New student & in person registration starts Aug 3
 Back to school night, Thursday, August 15 5:30 –6
 7th grade orientation, all school open house 6 to 7

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

August 14 at 6 PM
 Rhienberger Museum
 Speaker—Ron Marshall

Nauvoo Area Seniors August Luncheon

Nauvoo Area Senior Citizens will meet on Wednesday, August 26, at 11:00 for the monthly luncheon (for a free-will offering) , and a chance to try their luck at everyone's favorite participation game, BINGO! Come and enjoy!

A BEAR-Y SPECIAL DAY AT THE LIBRARY

The Teddy Bear Mobile Workshop is coming to the Nauvoo Library

Friday, August 7th, 11 AM—4 PM

*Kids have the chance to create their very own cuddly bear-40 FREE slots available
**Summer reading participants under 12 who have completed and turned in all 9
 reading bookmarks by 1st week of August will receive priority for a free bear and
 be eligible for summer reading prize drawings***

*Once priority registration is complete, any remaining spots will be opened to children
 on a first-come, first-serve basis. A 2nd bear may be purchased for \$21*

Registration begins August 3 by calling or visiting the library during open hours

**CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

Fourteen people attended the monthly meeting of the Nauvoo City Council Tuesday evening, July 14.

The aldermen approved the purchase and installation of three security cameras for \$2,400 to allow city official to monitor activity at City Park.

Parking enforcement on Wells Street in front of the Temple Visitors' Center is becoming a problem. Signs indicate that parking is permitted only for church services and funerals. Police are issuing \$35 fines for violations. The aldermen discussed possible solutions but did not reach any decisions.

Rebecca Williamson reported that the last nine disc golf baskets have been delivered and are expected to be assembled on July 17. Nauvoo State Park will begin installing them this week.

A significant discussion centered on the property at 1385 Knight Street. Neighbors submitted a petition citing issues such as refuse accumulation, rodent and insect infestations, unpleasant odors, and the improper use of extension cords and water hoses connected to neighboring properties. An administrative hearing is scheduled for July 28 to address these concerns. (Note—this meeting has been postponed)

The council approved an ordinance designating the alley behind City Center as one-way eastbound. Signs indicating locations of the library and city hall at the City Center will be placed in front of the building. In addition the Nauvoo Betterment Association has requested to place a digital sign on the lawn.

A representative from Benton Engineering provided a map of city streets scheduled for oil and chip treatments. These are funded from the City's share (\$50,300) of the Illinois Motor Fuel Tax. The streets to be improved are:

N Winchester between Mulholland & Young, Iowa between Mulholland & Knight, N Gordon from Mulholland to the end, N Fulmer between Mulholland & Young. N Warsaw Street between Mulholland & Knight, N Robinson between Mulholland & Young, N Page Street between Knight & Young, N Bluff Street between Knight & Young, Young between Wells & Page Streets.

The council discussed the possibility of participating in a solar farm program that offers reduced rates for solar energy. No decision has been made, and the matter has been tabled for further consideration.

Chief Ryan Dykstra reported that the Nauvoo Police Department responded to 96 incidents in June. Of these, 37 involved traffic stops, resulting in 30 citations for various violations, including two for driving with a suspended license. Additionally, the department investigated a home invasion; the case was referred to juvenile probation with a request for charges.

Taken from article by Alan Moberly

Seen Any Crazy Iguanas Lately?

Since June 5, The Crazy Iguana restaurant has been serving up delicious Mexican fare. Proprietors Bobby and NeCole Tracy have taken their multiple talents and blended them to create the Crazy Iguana at the east edge of Nauvoo. (The name came from NeCole's son's pet iguana years ago.) Besides the Mexican décor, one wall is of an unfinished mural of Historic Nauvoo buildings, begun when it was still Pete's Place. The artist is deceased; however, the Tracys are hoping to have it completed by his relatives. Creating the atmosphere and getting the restaurant up and running are credited to numerous hours of labor by family members and, especially, "adoptive parents" Sandy and Shelley Miles.



NeCole, a single mother of eight and Bobby a single Dad of two (5 girls and 5 boys total) met and married six years ago. Bobby lived mainly in southern California and Oregon before their marriage. NeCole raised her children in the West, mainly Malad, Idaho, which is presently their permanent home. Tabitha, 17 and the youngest, works at the restaurant. The remainder of their children live in the Northwest; one serving a mission.

Bobby, a financial planner, and NeCole, a full-time mom, already owned and operated a wedding venue and racetrack for ATVs and side-by-sides in Malad before coming to Nauvoo the last week of the Pageant in 2025. They ended up purchasing the Bunk House, which they plan to operate as an AirBnB. Then, realizing Pete's Place was for sale, they jumped at the chance to renovate the RV park and open a version of one of their favorite restaurant chains, Café Rio (or Costa Vida, depending on what state it's in). Neither had had food service experience; however, they decided to try to duplicate all their favorite menu items and add a few to the mix. An iguana dressing (no, not made from the reptile!) and the queso are homemade, and the meat has a special flavor due to a special flavoring. Some of the desserts come from the Cheesecake Factory. Eventually, they'd like to add Horchatas, a tasty drink reminding one of rice pudding.

A mini market will open soon in front of the restaurant where soft serve vanilla and pineapple ice cream will be featured along with a slushy machine. A small section devoted to souvenirs, sundries, produce will be available with RV patrons' needs in mind.

The Crazy Iguana is open every day except Wednesday and Sunday from 11 until 9 p.m. (until 10 on Fridays and Saturdays). Call 217.453.2253 for restaurant or RV park information. Also check social media for menu, etc. Try it. You'll like it!

Article by Karen Ihrig



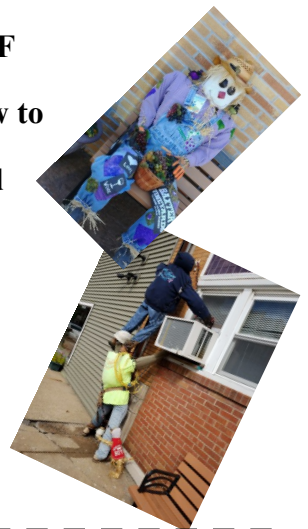
IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF SCARECROWS!

Celebrate America 250 by creating a scarecrow to honor our country's heritage.

Scarecrows will be displayed on Mulholland during the month of October.

Registration forms available at City Hall and Library and are due by September 28.

**5th Annual Spooktacular Soup Sampling
Saturday, October 10 6 PM to 7:30 PM**



SAVE THE DATE!

NAUVOO PHARMACY ANNIVERSARY PARTY

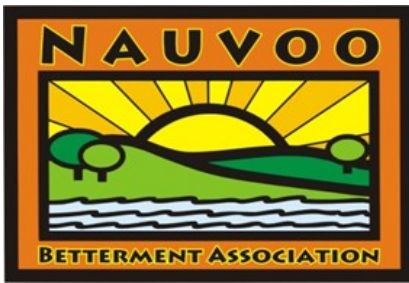
Saturday, September 5th 12 PM to 2 PM

Ice cream floats and locally made cookies

Bring your memories of Eldred Kron and LuAnn Haas to share

In-store sales and pick up your vintage memorabilia

Lauren Carlisle and Mattie Haas, Pharmacists



Articles may be submitted at any time to
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Deadline for the September issue is August 22, 2026

See Nauvoo News may be picked up at the following locations for a suggested donation of twenty-five cents: City Hall, Fudge Factory, 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.

The Yarn House in Nauvoo

The location of Nauvoo's former library now is presently home to some new businesses. One of them is The Yarn House in Nauvoo, owned and operated by Hava Winterton (pictured with daughter Molly). Hava spent a total of eight-years working at--and running— Heindselman's, a knitting shop in Provo, UT, since 1904. After she and husband Ben moved to the area, Hava spent two years planning her own knitting shop and chose Nauvoo.



Hava focuses on teaching the “core four”: knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving. She assures her clientele that she can teach anyone—even youngsters! (All her daughters are proficient in the core four; the boys crochet; all her children weave). Along with teaching her craft, Hava specializes in hand-dyeing wool yarn. The shop also carries a variety of sock yarns and lusciously colored alpaca for knitting and crocheting and roving for customers who like to spin their own yarn. Inkle looms made by family members are available as is a sock machine for those who'd rather not knit a pair by hand, along with various notions associated with the core four are. There is also “the magic table” where the like-minded can gather for instructions and/or camaraderie. Knitting and crocheting also help ground those who have an attention deficit disorder. Imagine that!

Hava and Ben moved from the Provo area in 2024 to nine acres outside of Dallas City where Ben works from home. They and their seven children: Ben (20), MaLea (18), Sally (16), Holly (14), Cadie (12), Sam (10), and Cory (8) support their lifestyle by living off the fat of the land. Chickens, 2 pigs, quail, rabbits, three sheep, and a cow, along with a huge garden supply them with their food. All the children are home schooled and share the responsibilities of the families' labor-intensive lifestyle.

One is never too old—or too young—to learn. Shop hours are Monday through Saturday from 10-6. Stop in to meet Hava and find out when her knitting, crocheting and inkle loom classes are held. You, too, might become hooked!

Article by Karen Ihrig

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

The Nauvoo Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Trustees convened for its regular monthly meeting at the Nauvoo Fire Station on Thursday, July 16. The Trustees also voted to change their monthly meeting schedule to the fourth Tuesday of the month, beginning August 25. This was needed to accommodate the employment schedule of one of the Trustees. In addition, the trustees voted that active NFPD personnel can schedule the fire station building for funeral dinners.

NFPD Fire Chief Gallaher provided an update on the district's activities, noting that the district responded to a total of 45 calls in June. Among these calls were 39 related to ambulance services, and six related to fire services, three of which were “weather spotting.”

The new firetruck—ordered back in August of 2024—should be ready by the end of the month. This new fire truck—specifically a “Quick Response Utility Rescue with Engine-Driven Pumping System Skid Unit and auxiliary equipment”—is a rugged four-wheel drive brush truck designed to reach rural fires quickly and efficiently, and it will have a 300-gallon skid tank. This new firetruck will fill a void in the department by providing a 4x4 vehicle that can be used off-road and in fields to quickly extinguish brush and field fires. According to Gallaher, the NFPD firefighters are currently using fire brooms and other hand tools to control these types of fires, which can be very time consuming and exhausting. With the acquisition of this new specialized firetruck, NFPD firefighters should be able to extinguish field fires more quickly, more safely, and with less manpower. Gallaher also noted that the new fire truck will be equipped with vehicle extrication and rescue tools, which will also help to reduce wear and tear on the other larger fire trucks. The NFPD Board of Trustees' meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Nauvoo Fire Station. These meetings are open to the public.

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