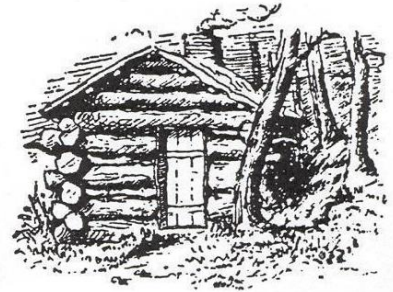


JUNIOR PIONEERS

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Winter 2024

Junior Pioneer Winter Social **Friday, February 23, 2024**

New Ulm Country Club

5:30 pm – Social Hour

6:00 pm –Hearty Appetizer Buffet

\$35.00/person

Featured Speaker: Lisa Besemer

“From Vermont to Milford Township” The Story of the Milford Monument

Many drive past this monument but are not aware of the significance of it. Most especially for our Junior Pioneer members, this is a very important landmark of what our ancestors endured. Come and hear the story of how a statue from Vermont came to be!

Lisa was born and raised less than a mile from this Monument but really didn't know the significance or the history associated with it until adulthood. Lisa has a strong interest in local history and has served on the Brown County Historical Society and Junior Pioneer Boards. Her great-great-great grandfather named New Ulm!



***Reservations are due by Friday, February 16, 2024.
Complete and mail in the form on the following page,
along with your payment for the buffet and
your 2024 dues, if not yet paid.***

***You may also email at juniorpioneersnu@gmail.com
with number attending and pay the night of the event.***

Lisa's presentation is particularly timely. Board member and Milford Township resident Dan Juni has been contacted recently by individuals working on drafting a legislative bill to preserve and protect granite monuments in Minnesota. Dan requested and received board permission to represent the Junior Pioneer organization at a future Milford Township meeting to start a discussion on this concern and a possible plan to ensure its preservation. Remember, the main purpose of our organization is to “keep green the memory of the early pioneers who settled New Ulm and the vicinity”.

Winter Social RSVP and 2024 Annual Membership (if not yet paid)

Name: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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| Buffet \$35/ person | \$35 x _____ |
| Single Membership | \$25 _____ |
| Joint Dues (<i>Husband & Wife both qualify for membership</i>) | \$35 _____ |
| Surviving Spouse | \$25 _____ |
| Additional Donation for _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Send this completed form and check to: Junior Pioneers, PO Box 22, New Ulm, MN 56073
Questions? Rebecca Fliszar at 507-404-0427 or juniorpioneersnu@gmail.com

Upcoming Events at YOUR Junior Pioneer Park

The contractors have pretty much wrapped up construction of the new shelter.
The ceiling will be painted in the spring and then the electrician will install the can lights and the fans.
Photos courtesy Daniel Juni.



***Spring Clean Up
at the Park***

Thursday, May 30, 2024

5:30 p.m. at the park
(rain date - Thursday, June 6)

bring rakes and shovels

hot dogs provided by
Junior Pioneers

BYOB and dessert of choice

**Summer
Picnic**

A Celebration of
our **NEW** Shelter

Thursday
June 13, 2024
(rain date - June 20)

5:30 p.m.

Details to follow
in a future
newsletter.



Our Junior Pioneer Park is open to the public, even though it is privately owned by the Junior Pioneers.

A Park Committee has been formed to address a potential reservation system for a Junior Pioneer member to have exclusive use of the shelter for a particular time frame. There is some talk of non-members being able to make a reservation if they are sponsored by a member. This planning is very much in its infancy and the first year may be a fair amount of trial and error.

Watch our Facebook page and the website for further information as this plan develops.

Check out our Facebook page for additional photos and continued updates.

www.facebook.com/JuniorPioneersofNewUlm

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A big **THANK YOU** to our outgoing board members:

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| George Downs | served one 4 year term |
| Darla Gebhard | served one 1 year term (completion of a vacated term) |
| Ruth McCrea Simpson | served two 4 year terms |

WELCOME to our incoming board members:

Pam Kitzberger, Alyce Konz and Abigail Saffert were approved as new board members at the annual meeting in October.

They were presented by the nominating committee of Jim Kretsch (chair), Kathleen Backer, Ruth McCrea Simpson, Terry Sveine and Judy Zahn. There were no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

***New Members**

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Ancestor</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Richard Furth | Henle |
| Tom Furth | Henle |
| Steve Marti | Bianchi/Marti |
| Keith Richter | Wiltsccheck/Weisner |
| Trudy Richter | Filzen |
| Jan Brunner Schrimpf | Brunner/Walser |

*** Memorials & Donations**

Shelter Fund

Tom & Kathleen Berg
Cheryl Beussman
Amy & Terry Britton in Memory of Mary Schneider McClennan
Joel & Sara Botton
Jeanne Kretsch
Steve Marti
Theodore Marti
Larry Mack
Lorraine Schoepfer
Dave Weldy
Judy Zahn in Memory of Mark Wilfahrt

Endowment Fund

Robert Hinnenthal
Donald & Diana Lee Schaefer
Jerry & Maggie Ubl

Park Fund

Ruth McCrea Simpson in Memory of Mark Wilfahrt
Sharon Zins in Memory of Leon Haubrich

***Deceased Members**

**If we have forgotten or miscredited anyone concerning Memorials & Donations, Deceased Members or New Members, please notify Jyneal McCrea (newsletter editor) at jynealmccrea@gmail.com or 507-202-6299 or any Board Member and we will correct it.*

Do you have a topic that may be of interest to Junior Pioneer members?

Consider writing an article for a future edition of the newsletter!
Please keep articles to 1-3 pages and photos are welcome.

Please send questions or submissions to Jyneal McCrea at jynealmccrea@gmail.com

Please consider receiving future newsletters via email.

We currently have 195 members receiving the newsletter via email,
25 of them since the last newsletter.

This saves our organization considerable funds in printing and mailing costs.

BONUS – Photos are in color when you opt for email delivery!

Please forward your email address to Lynn Henle at l.henle@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATES!

Park Clean Up *May 30, 2024 (Rain Date June 6)*
Summer Picnic *June 13, 2024 (Rain Date June 20)*
Annual Meeting *October 18, 2024*

| 2024 Junior Pioneer Board Members | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Jeff Gulden, President | Daniel Juni, Vice President |
| Rebecca Fliszar, Secretary | Mary Ellen Schanus, Treasurer |
| Mark Furth | Lynn Henle |
| Pam Kitzberger | Alyce Konz |
| Jyneal McCrea | Gordon Palmer |
| Abigail Saffert | Judy Zahn |

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