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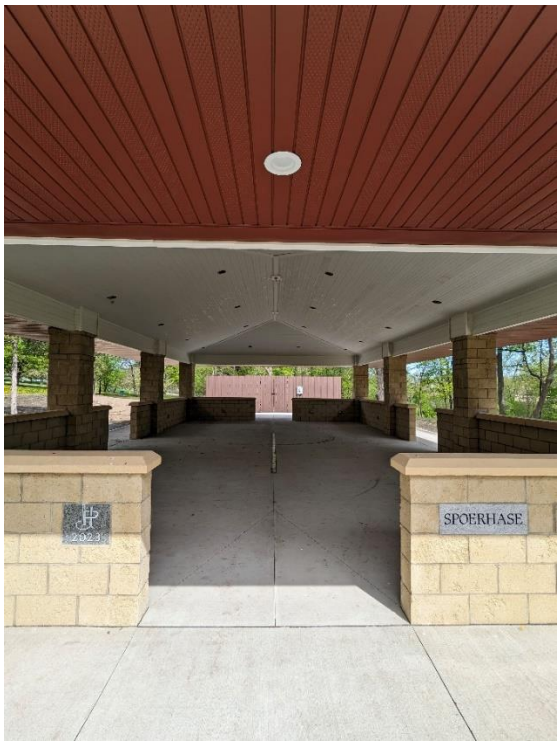
Junior Pioneer Summer Picnic

Thursday, June 13, 2024

(rain date - June 20)

5:30 p.m.



Please join us for a celebration of the completion of the new shelter!

Junior Pioneers will provide the meal this year in appreciation of the many donors who contributed to this project.

In addition, there will be a proclamation by the mayor.

As in the past, please bring your own beverage and lawn chairs.

If you like, you may also bring a dessert to share.

The catered meal will consist of pulled pork sandwiches and sides.

Even though the meal is being paid for by the Junior Pioneers this year,

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING.
Therefore, please let us know if you plan to attend ***by Friday, June 7, 2024.***

email juniorpioneersnu@gmail.com
text or call Rebecca Fliszar at 507-404-0427

The following was included in the 4/13/24 edition of The Journal on the "News of New Ulm from 100 years ago" page and is included as printed:

WORK ON PIONEER PARK SURVEY WILL BE CONTINUED NOW

Topographical Survey Only Partially Finished Last Season.

MONUMENT IN MILFORD CRUMBLING TO PIECES

State To Be Asked To Put Up Real Memorial To Milford Dead.

Friday evening a special meeting of the executive committee of the Junior Pioneers was held for the purpose of deciding what action to take with reference to the topographical survey of Pioneer Park which has been only partially completed by the city engineer working under instructions of the street committee of the city of New Ulm.

Topographical Survey Necessary.

After the Junior Pioneers had purchased Hunter's Rest and one block from the Hauenstein Brewing Co., lying between Hunter's Rest and South Park, it was decided to secure the services of a landscape gardener to prepare a set of plans to be followed in the matter of developing and beautifying the entire park pro position.

Before the landscape gardener however could commence with his work, it became necessary to make a topographical survey and members of the Junior Pioneer park committee appeared before the city council and asked them to have this work done by the city in view of the fact that the city then had an engineer who was employed by the city by the year. This was assented to. Nobody seemed to know just how much time this topographical survey would take and as the work progressed bills were presented to the city council for allow-once for this work and the street committee finally ordered the work stopped, because the expense was mounting much higher than they had anticipated.

More Funds Needed.

According to City Engineer Minium it will require the outlay of an additional $125 to complete the survey and prepare the necessary blue prints.Without the blue prints, the entire work that has been done so far would be of no use to anybody. After going into the matter thoroughly and discussing it from every angle, the park committee was given authority to have this work done, provided satisfactory arrangements could be made with Mr. Minium. After the blue prints are ready they will be turned over to Max Pfaender who has been given the job to plan the park beautification.

Milford Monument Crumbling.

It was also called the attention of the executive committee that the Milford monument is crumbling to pieces and that it is in need of repair. This monument was erected by the Junior Pioneers in memory of those who were massacred in the Town of Milford during the Indian Outbreak in August,1862. This monument was constructed of concrete and it now seems that the material will not stand up under our rigorous climate. After some discussion it was decided to have the proper committee take up this matter with the State Historical Society and find out if it is not possible to have a real monument erected at this historic spot, the expense to be borne by the state. There is no other place where so many people lost their lives during the Indian Massacre in 1862 as in the Town of Milford and there seems to be no valid reason why the State should not erect a suitable memorial at this place.

New Ulm Review, April 16, 1924

One hundred years later, we have a new shelter!

Spring Clean Up at the Park

Let's get the park looking spiffy for our Celebratory Summer Picnic!

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

Park Shelter Soon to Be Available for Rental

Our Junior Pioneer Park is open to the public, even though it is privately owned by the Junior Pioneers. Currently we are taxed as a public park so we do need to remain open, but anyone can walk through or visit the park without reserving.

Effective July 1, the shelter will be available for rental. Rental is for a full day. Junior Pioneer member rental fee is $100 with a $100 damage deposit. Non-member rental is $150, with a $150 damage deposit.

A calendar and rental agreement are in development and will soon be available on the Junior Pioneer website.

Are Your 2024 Membership Dues Current?

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

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Single Membership	$25	_____
Joint Dues (*Husband & Wife both qualify for membership*)	$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

***New Members**

Name	*Ancestor*
Thomas Edwards	Rowland/Rolloff
JoAnne Griebel	Wech/Metzen
Kathleen Ann Hempel	Henle/Gulden
Andrew Kuehnel	Kuehnel
Brian Weimer	Henle

*** Memorials & Donations**

Karen and Frank Brust	In Memory of Jacob Haeberle, Leonard Haeberle, Alice Haeberle, John Haeberle, Edla and Frank Brust
Judy Zahn	In Memory of Gary Wiltscheck

Bob and Norma Dempsey
Mary Ellen Domeier
Daniel Gag
Tom Kienlen
Susan Kolbinger
Alyce Konz
Andrew Kuehnel
Jason McCrea
Master Graphic, Jason Schaefer

***Deceased Members**

Gary Wiltscheck

** Memorials & Donations, Deceased Members or New Members as of May 3, 2024.*
If we have forgotten or miscredited anyone or are aware of the death of a member,
please notify Jyneal McCrea (newsletter editor) at jynealmccrea@gmail.com
or 507-202-6299 or any Board Member and we will correct it in a future newsletter.

WANDA GÁG RECENTLY IN THE NEWS

The following was included in the 4/13/24 edition of The Journal on the "News of New Ulm from 100 years ago" page and is included as printed:

WANDA GAG DISPLAYS EXHIBITS IN NEW YORK

New Ulm friends of Miss Wanda Gag, a daughter of New Ulm,will be pleased to learn of her success as a student of art. Miss Gag comes by her talent in this accomplishment very naturally, inasmuch as her father,now deceased, was also an artist of well known repute. The Minneapolis Journal of Sunday carries an article concerning Miss Gag which is herewith reproduced:

"Wanda Gag, who for several years was a student at the Minneapolis School of Art, is showing a group of drawings and water colors thru the month of May at the New York library at Ninety-sixth Street and Lexington Avenue. Miss Gag came to Minneapolis from New Ulm to enter the School of Art where she quickly revealed a special talent for figure work and drawing. While here she earned a scholarship and went to New York for further study. The present exhibition includes water colors and drawings by William Groppers of New York."

This young lady has relatives and many friends in New Ulm who are happy to hear of her progress in the line of work she has chosen as her profession and wishes for her continued success are heartily extended.

New Ulm Review, April 16, 1924

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One hundred years later, Wanda's works are on display at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. The following information is from the Whitney's website:

WANDA GÁG'S WORLD MARCH 28 – DECEMBER 2024

This exhibition presents a selection of prints by the artist, illustrator, and children's book author Wanda Gág (1893–1946). These works record the world as Gág experienced it: a place where landscapes move rhythmically and inanimate objects hum with life. Although she also painted, the graphic arts offered her the most effective method for expressing this unique vision.

Born in Minnesota to immigrants from German Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic), Gág arrived in New York in 1917 to study at the Art Students League, where she became a fixture of the city's

modernist art scene. Adhering neither to abstraction nor social realism—the dominant artistic movements at the time—Gág forged her own approach to figuration. Over the course of her career, she found modest success selling her prints and produced several popular children's books, examples of which are presented in the show. Gág was also a prolific writer about her life and work, and excerpts from her letters and diaries accompany the prints on view.

Drawn entirely from the Whitney's collection, the works in this exhibition span roughly two decades, ranging from the mid-1920s to the year before Gág's death. Together, these still lifes, landscapes, and interiors illuminate what the artist called "Wanda Gág world," demonstrating her fervent quest to capture the feeling and movement of life as she saw it.

Wanda Gág's World is co-curated by Roxanne Smith, Senior Curatorial Assistant, and Scout Hutchinson, Curatorial Fellow.

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Right here in New Ulm, the Wanda Gág House Association has acquired a large collection of Wanda's works and the first exhibit titled "More Than Cats" has just opened. The Wanda Gág House is open Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sundays from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm from May 18 – October 6, 2024. A self-guided booklet is provided, and volunteers are available to answer questions. Private tours are available daily, upon request, year-round. To schedule a private tour, call 507-359-2632 or email wandagaghouse@gmail.com. Admission is $5.00.

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

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Check out our Facebook page for additional photos and continued updates.
www.facebook.com/JuniorPioneersofNewUlm

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We had several mailed newsletters returned to us as "undeliverable" after the last couple of mailings. If you know of someone who isn't receiving their newsletter, please ask them to reach out to us to update their address.

Please consider receiving future newsletters via email.

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting *October 18, 2024*

2024 Junior Pioneer Board Members	
Jeff Gulden, President	Daniel Juni, Vice President
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