JUNIOR PIONEERS
OF NEW ULM AND VICINITY

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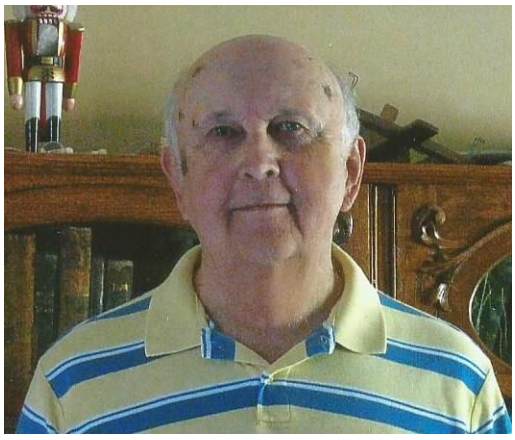
Junior Pioneers Annual Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2023

Turner Hall
5:30 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Business Meeting
Program to Follow
Guest Speaker: Curtis Dahlin
Changing Interpretation of the US-Dakota War

Please join us for our annual meeting where, in addition to Curtis' presentation, there will be updates on the NEW park shelter, approval of three new board members, a tasty meal and lively conversation.

We also have some Junior Pioneer pins and tie tacks that will be available for purchase that evening.

Curtis will be speaking about the U.S. – Dakota War. From 2002 to 2023, he has researched and written on this period of history, self-publishing 20 books on the subject. In fact, Curtis will have copies of some of his books available for purchase that night.



He was born on a farm near Sisseton, SD in 1942. This was on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Indian Reservation.

Curtis graduated with a degree in history from South Dakota State University at Brookings in 1964.

Curtis served in the US Army from 1964-1966, as an MP in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Once out of the service, Curtis worked as a Traffic Analyst for the Minnesota Department of Transportation from 1967-2002.

Curtis has been married to Gay for over 50 years, with two daughters and five grandchildren.

Reservations are due by Friday, October 13, 2023.
Complete and mail in the form on the following page,
along with your payment for the meal and your 2024 dues.

You may also email at juniorpioneersnu@gmail.com
or text or call Rebecca Fliszar at 507-404-0427
with number attending and pay the night of the event.

Annual Meeting RSVP and 2024 Annual Membership

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

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Banquet $35/ person	$35 x____	_____
Single Membership	$25	_____
Joint Dues (*Husband & Wife both qualify for membership*)	$35	_____
Surviving Spouse	$25	_____
Additional Donation for _____	$	_____
TOTAL	**$**	_____

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

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Junior Pioneers Will Purchase Hunter's Rest

Historical Recall by Allan R Gebhard, September 8, 1985
from an article in the April 11, 1923 Edition of the New Ulm Review

"The action of the Junior Pioneers taken at a special meeting held at Turner Hall Monday evening may have far-reaching and beneficial results for the city of New Ulm. It was decided at this meeting to purchase the tract of land now known as Hunter's Rest. After this was done it was decided to purchase the block owned by the Hauenstein Brewing Co. which lies between Hunter's Rest and South Park.

Photo courtesy Carolyn Marti Smith

Quite a number of the Junior Pioneers responded to the call and almost one hundred were present when President John H. Weddendorf called the meeting to order, stating that the matter up for discussion was the purchase of a park site. Mr. August Hummel, chairman of the park committee reported that the former President of the Junior Pioneers had appointed George Marti, Alfred Schlumpberger, August Hummel, Mrs. Fred Seiter and Mrs. Frank P. Zschunke as a committee to find if possible a suitable site for a park for the Junior Pioneers and, that on account of the inability of Mr. Marti to serve, Adolph Meile had been secured in his place. In discussing

the matter among themselves, the committee had thought of Hunter's Rest and after having ascertained that it might be purchased held a joint meeting with the Executive Committee and been given authorization to secure options which had been secured as far as it was to possible to secure them. There were originally 14 joint owners of this plot of ground and the option secured call for an outlay of $50 per share.

Mr. Meile was also called upon and confirmed what Mr. Hummel had said. He stated that it might take some time to clear up the title and that action by the society at this meeting was important, because the options were good for only 90 days. A plat had been prepared so that the members could get a good idea of the lay of the land. After the committee had reported and the question of purchase had been put up to the membership there was absolute quiet for a few minutes and it seemed as though the project was not meeting with very much favor. Fred Seiter finally made a motion that the Executive Committee be empowered to purchase Hunter's Rest in accordance with the options as secured. This was carried with out a dissenting vote, thus registering a unanimous sentiment in favor or purchasing a park site and Hunter's Rest in particular.

After this had been disposed of, Miss Alice Haeberle had a happy thought when she asked the Committee if that was the only ground available, voicing the sentiment that, if possible, additional ground should be secured. This started a discussion which led to the purchase of an additional block belonging to the Hauenstein Brewing Co. and which lies between Hunters Rest and South Park.

The park committee stated that they had in mind to secure additional ground and had spoken with the Hauenstein Brewing Co. who had placed a price of $125 per lot on their holdings and that the committee had not felt that they should at this time make any recommendations looking to the purchase of additional property, because it was doubtful if the Junior Pioneers were financially in a position to make any further real estate purchases.

When called upon the Treasurer reported that there was approximately $3,300 in the Treasury. As soon as this became known one of the members suggested that it might be the proper thing at this time to purchase the additional block also, because the funds were ample for this purpose. Fred Behnke made a motion that the east half of the block should be purchased at this time and the other at some later date. Henry Held was of the opinion that the whole block should be purchased and he waxed quite eloquent in favor of his proposition. He was warmly seconded by J.P. Graff who stated that it would be a mistake if the Society should not acquire the entire block. The motion to purchase the Hauenstein block also was carried with enthusiasm.

While the purchase of Hunter's Rest was under discussion and after the purchase had been decided upon, it was stated that the Schuetzen Sektion of the New Ulm Jaegerverein, the original owners wanted to reserve the right to continue their target practice in the future as they had done in the past. This was finally disposed of by granting them a privilege of five years with an option for an additional five years. In the course of this discussion Otto Heymann said that as he understood it, the purchase of this park did not mean that it would be exclusively for the Junior Pioneer organization, that it was rather the aim and object of the organization to help beautify New Ulm and that no restrictions should be placed on its being used for purposes which did not interfere with its use by the public in general. Others who took part in the discussion were Fred Pfaender, Albert Meyer, John Henle, Herman Pfaender and Mrs. L.B. Krook.

Authority was given to the executive committee to arrange for a picnic to be given at Hunter's Rest as soon as the weather permits, to commemorate the purchase of this park site. It is planned at this time also to give the park a name. The name Pioneer Park was suggested during the course of the discussion and this name seemed to meet with general favor and it is almost a foregone conclusion that this name will be elected when the time comes. This picnic will not be confined to the Junior Pioneers only, but every citizen of New Ulm will be welcome and will be invited.

What is known as "Hunter's Rest" or Jaeger's Ruh was purchased for $50 in 1877 by fourteen members of the then Jaegerverein. In the early days game was very plentiful here even deer, bear and buffalo were hunted and it was quite natural that those who liked the hunting sport should organize themselves into a club which they did. The Purchase of a plot of ground where they could hold an annual picnic was the next thing in order and resulted in the purchase of this beautiful spot of ground. The names of the purchasers given in the deed are: Heinrich Spoerhase, Hans Hauenstein, Peter Mack, Heinrich Loheyde, Ernst Brandt, Fritz Jahnke, August Quense, Peter Herrian, Carl Brust, John H. Schapekahm, Heinrich Mueller, Franz Grebe, Carl Winkelmann, Nick Nenno.

Hunter's Rest proper contains approximately 4 ½ acres of land. An attempt will be made to have 20th Street vacated up to Broadway and also the street for one block adjoining South Park. This would throw into one park proposition South Park, consisting of four blocks, the block to be purchased from the Hauenstein Brewing Co. and Hunter's Rest, which if properly developed and improved should in time become one of the most beautiful spots and places of recreation in the city of New Ulm. The Junior Pioneers are to be congratulated on the action taken by them at Monday's meeting and they can be assured of whole-hearted support by the citizens in general in their efforts to beautify New Ulm."

Paul and Mary Ellen Schanus continue mowing and trimming at the park. If you see them, please thank them for all their hard work.

We continue to gratefully accept donations for the endowment fund and future tables and benches. If you'd like to donate to either of those funds, please indicate which fund you're contributing to.

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

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REMINDER – OUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED! juniorpioneersnu@gmail.com

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CORRECTIONS from June 2023 Newsletter** ***Please accept our editor's apologies!

Nathan (not Nate) Marti	Park Shelter donation
Don and Diana Schaefer (not Saffert)	Park Shelter donation
Stacy Zahn Scheid, new member	Wilfahrt, correct spelling of ancestor
Megan Zahn, new member	Wilfahrt, correct spelling of ancestor
Kristin Zahn Bleick, new member	Wilfahrt, correct spelling of ancestor

***Deceased Members**

Marjorie (Kruske) Severson
Sharon (Oswald) Schamber
John A. Weatherwax

***New Members**

Name	*Ancestor*
Jennifer Filzen	Knoedel/Kral
Rosalind Goltz	Rosenau/Lambrecht
Greg Palmer	Palmer
David Steinberg	Kaping

*** Memorials & Donations**

Dan and Vianna Moody	In Memory of John A. Weatherwax
Sharon Zins	In Memory of Leon Haubrich
Jeanne Kretsch	Park Shelter
Glenn and Joyce Koch	Park Shelter
Larry Mack	Park Shelter
Bill and Lori Otis	Park Shelter
Gary and Denise Palmer	Park Shelter
Dave Weldy	Park Shelter

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 2-4 pages and photos are welcome.

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

Lifetime Memberships

We are sometimes asked about lifetime memberships. Lifetime memberships were originally offered beginning in 1912. They were offered to those eligible for membership who lived outside New Ulm and the surrounding area as, in that era, people didn't travel as far, frequently nor as easily as we are now able to. A lifetime membership allowed those members to receive the newsletter and stay connected to the Junior Pioneers, knowing that it would be rare for them to attend any functions.

Lifetime memberships were discontinued about 1990 and are no longer offered. To the best of anyone's recollection, lifetime memberships were the same price as whatever the current annual membership was at the time of acquiring the lifetime membership.

If lifetime members move back to the New Ulm area, their lifetime membership is to convert to an annual membership.

A Boy Without a Name

Submitted by Liz Hinnenthal, August 16, 2023

Adele Hinnenthal recently visited her grandparents (Bob and Liz). During her stay she also visited the New Ulm City Cemetery and the grave of her great-great-great-great grandmother, Maria Meyer.

Adele learned that Maria Meyer was born in Hanover, Germany in 1824. She married Wilhelm Engelbarth and together they came to Minnesota and settled on land in Cottonwood Township south of New Ulm. She learned that during the Sioux Uprising (as it was referred to in a letter much of this information comes from) the Engelbarths went to New Ulm and then joined a group that traveled toward St. Peter for safety. She learned that the Engelbarths did not immediately return to New Ulm as they had a rural neighbor, Johann Griebel, watching over their cow and other property. Instead, they traveled back to Elmhurst, Illinois from which they had originally come to rural New Ulm. They knew that some things could be purchased there for much less cost than in Minnesota. They exchanged letters with Johann while they were gone. They asked him if the Sioux Indians were still "misbehaving". They also asked Johann if he needed any cows as they were less expensive in Illinois.

Photo courtesy the Hinnenthals

Adele learned that they had to return to Minnesota within a few months or would lose their ownership rights in the land they had there.

They did return to Cottonwood Township and found that Johann Griebel had been a good neighbor and had taken care of their livestock and home. They were very grateful to him for being such a kind and helpful neighbor.

Finally, Adele learned that in January 1864 during a severe blizzard that hit Cottonwood Township, Wilhelm went out to their barn to check on their livestock. Maria remained in the cabin as she was seven months prenant. Wilhelm never returned and he was found frozen to death. We do not know where he is buried even to this day.

Maria/Mary was now without a husband and she was pregnant. She married Johann Griebel out of necessity but hopefully out of affection, too. But Maria/Mary's life still had more loss in it. On January 9, 1865 her baby son, August Engelbarth, died. His stepfather, Johann Griebel bought a burial plot in the New Ulm Cemetery and August became the first to be buried there. Thereafter, his stepfather was buried there in 1887 and his mother, Maria/Mary Meyer Engelbert Griebel, was buried there in 1899.

Thus, the 'August' buried at the obelisk monument a few steps from the graves of August and Theresa Schell (the tree trunk marker seen in the background of the photo) is not a Griebel but an Engelbarth AKA Engelbert.

Thank you to Larry Mack and Gordy Palmer for repairing the spindles on the old shelter that were recently vandalized.

Much appreciated, gentlemen!

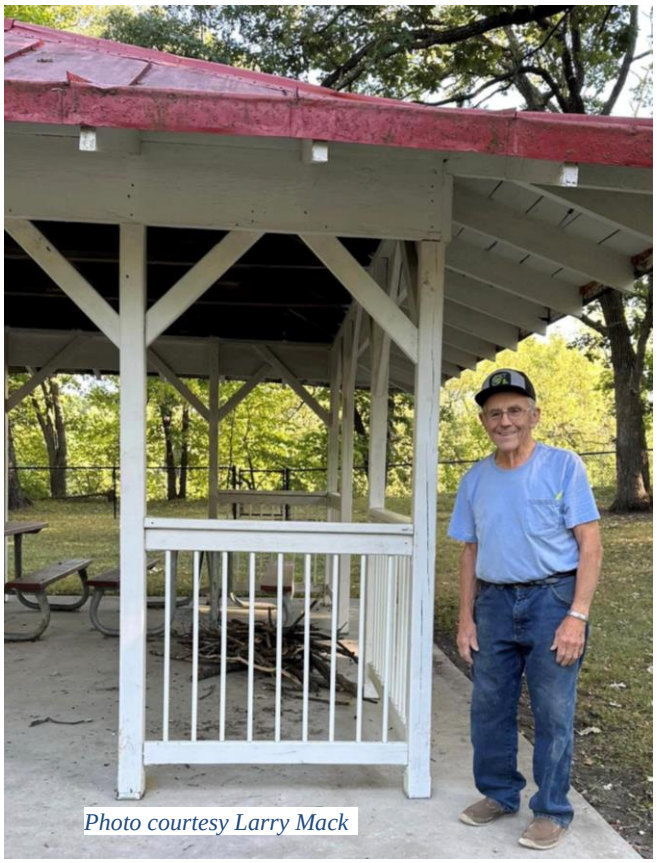
Photo courtesy Larry Mack

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This saves the organization considerable funds in printing and mailing costs.
BONUS – Photos will be in color if you opt for email delivery!
Please forward your email address to Lynn Henle at l.henle@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Social will be in *February 2024*
Summer Picnic will be in *June 2024*
Annual Meeting will be in *October 2024*

2023 Junior Pioneer Board Members	
Mark Furth, President	Jeff Gulden, Vice President
Rebecca Fliszar, Secretary	Mary Ellen Schanus, Treasurer
George Downs	Darla Gebhard
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