JUNIOR PIONEERS
OF NEW ULM AND VICINITY

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Junior Pioneer Winter Social
Friday, February 28, 2025

New Ulm Country Club

5:30 pm – Social Hour
6:00 pm –Hearty Appetizer Buffet

chicken option, meatballs, meat sliders, fruit, vegetables
ice cream bar for dessert
coffee and water included
cash bar available

$35.00/person

Featured Speaker: Professor Peter Baganz
History of Martin Luther College

Residents and visitors alike can't help but notice the hill dominating the skyline of New Ulm with Hermann on one side of Center Street and the Old Main building of Martin Luther College on the other. But why was this college located in New Ulm in the first place and why is it at the top of that hill? What was the purpose of this college, and did it change over the years? Why did the college change its name from DMLC to MLC? These and other questions will be answered by Peter Baganz, a Professor of History at Martin Luther College. Come hear stories about the college that was built on the top of the hill 140 years ago.

Have you ever wondered why our Winter Social is always held toward the end of February? The Junior Pioneers of New Ulm and Vicinity was formally organized on February 25, 1912, making this our 113th year in existence!

Reservations are due by Friday, February 21, 2025.
Complete and mail in the form below, along with your payment for the buffet and your 2025 dues, if not yet paid.

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

Winter Social RSVP and **2025 Annual Membership** (if not yet paid)

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Phase I of our Park Shelter Project is complete!

The Junior Pioneers have a rich tradition to "keep green the memory of the early pioneers who settled New Ulm and the vicinity." Past members acquired the park and made improvements for future generations of members to gather to celebrate their shared heritage. The new shelter will benefit the Junior Pioneers and the community-at-large by providing a thoughtfully designed, beautifully constructed venue for meetings, family gatherings and other events.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED TO THIS PROJECT!

Phase I included excavation, concrete, shelter construction and electrical service. In addition, there were funds available for some picnic tables, which were originally slated for Phase II of the project. We currently have one garbage bin and rent a port-a-potty. There is no water service to the shelter at this time.

The Park Shelter Project was originally planned as a two-phase project. The following Phase II "wish list" is not exhaustive and is in no particular order:

ADA sidewalk from street to shelter
water to the park
enclose shelter
tree planting project
historical marker project
extend front fence past the shelter
fence for shelter parking area
kiosk with Junior Pioneer info on one side and Jägers' Ruhe on the other
cement area around lower fire pit
additional picnic tables, garbage bins, grills

Verbal/in-kind donations:
two cement pads for picnic tables elsewhere in park
Artstone picnic table

Seeking Committee Members

As we move toward Phase II, we are looking for additional individuals from the members-at-large to serve on the Park Committee.

Please contact one of the board members noted on the previous page if you're interested.

If you are interested in this, please contact one of the following Park Committee Board Members:

Dan Juni, Chair
Jeff Gulden
Brian Gramentz
Gordon Palmer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Spring Clean Up at the Park

Wednesday
April 23, 2025
(rain date - Thursday, April 24)

5:00 p.m. at the park

bring rakes and shovels

hot dogs provided by Junior Pioneers

BYOB and dessert of choice

Summer Picnic

Thursday
June 12, 2025
(rain date – Thursday, June 19)

5:30 p.m.

We will be returning to our traditional potluck style picnic.
Junior Pioneers will provide
hamburgers, hotdogs and utensils.
Members bring a dish to pass and their own beverages.

Annual Meeting

Friday
October 17, 2025
Turner Hall

THANK YOU to our outgoing board members:

Mark Furth	served one 4 year term
Judy Zahn	served two four year terms

WELCOME to our incoming board members:

Brian Gramentz and John Luepke were approved as new board members at the annual meeting in October 2024. Terms are for four years and board members may serve two consecutive terms.

They were presented by the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

***New Members**

Name	***Ancestor***
Connie Grams	Soukup/Holm
Paul Rolloff	Rolloff
Harold Roth	Bauer
B. Alexander Roth	Bauer
Scott Scheid	Schaefer
Renee Weldy	Laframboise

*** Memorials & Donations**

All Donations and Memorials were for the Shelter Fund

Jeff Anderson
Thomas & Kathleen Berg
Joel Botten
Gerald Dannheim
Dan Juni
Susan Kolbinger
Jeanne Kretsch
Ted Marti
Bill & Lori Otis
Carolyn Marti Smith
Dave Weldy

Amy & Terry Britton	in memory of Mary Schneider McClellan
Bill Furth	in memory of Herb Furth
Kevin & Myron Seidl	in memory of Fred Moldan

***Deceased Members**

Delores (Dee) Holden, descendant of Peter Mack

**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.*

EXCITING NEWS!

The shelter is now ready and available for reservations, with some reservations already scheduled.

The shelter can be reserved from May 1 – September 30.

Reservations are made via the Junior Pioneer website (jrpioneers.com).

Go to the website, click on Facility Rental to view and complete the rental agreement online.

Online payments are accepted and are the quickest way to lock in your reservation.

For Junior Pioneer members, rental is $100.00, plus $100 damage deposit, per day rented.

For non-members, rental is $150.00, plus $150 damage deposit, per day rented.

For detailed information on expectations of those reserving the shelter and the Junior Pioneers, please look up the rental agreement on our website.

We will be installing two signs with QR codes that take visitors to the website so people are aware the shelter is available for rental and how to submit a reservation.

We are looking for members to be part of a ***Shelter Rental Team*** to ensure the park is in order prior to and following a reservation. Ideally, people would sign up for a specific time frame (perhaps a month?) to be available for any reservations that come up during that period.

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We are always open to ideas for newsletter articles.
Do you have a topic that may be of interest to fellow members?

Feel free to suggest a topic or
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.

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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Contact us:

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2025 Junior Pioneer Board Members	
Jeff Gulden, President & Park Committee	Daniel Juni, Vice President & Park Committee
Abigail Saffert, Secretary	Mary Ellen Schanus, Treasurer
Rebecca Flizsar	Brian Gramentz, Park Committee
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Alyce Konz	John Luepke
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