

# Schuetzen-Brief

NEWS FROM THE DAVENPORT, IA. SCHUETZEN PARK HISTORIC SITE - FALL 2002

## "HOCHZEIT" IN SCHUETZEN PARK

Another sign that life is once again returning to our beloved Schuetzen Park is its use as a site for weddings.

Congratulations to Ben Shirk & Sarah Marolf of rural Muscatine, who were wed in Schuetzen Park on Sat. August 10th, 2002. Their celebration was tastefully done in white and yellow, with the Park being the beautiful green background. 300 guests attended the event.

Schuetzen Park is available to the Public for such events. Call for Info: (563) 570-3624.

### German-American Pioneer Society of Scott County - 100 Years Young!

We congratulate the German-American Pioneer Society of Scott County on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. 100 years ago this summer, the Pioneers held their first annual "Reunion" in Schuetzen Park. The 100th Annual Reunion will be held this year on Sept. 8th in Walcott, IA in the historic "Coliseum". For more information on the Pioneers, please call (563) 322-5489.

## BOY SCOUTS COMPLETE PROJECTS

Life Scout Michael Anderson from Davenport Troop #43, as well as several other members and parents from his troop, completed a trail restoration and tree planting project at the Park this summer.

Anderson organized the project which included the installation of new handrails on trails, placing mulch on trail beds and the planting of Austrian Pines.

This project was made possible with a grant from the *Community Foundation of the Great River Bend*.

## "LINSER SEXTETT" THRILLS PARK VISITORS

A concert at Schuetzen Park on August 28th featured the "Linsler Sextett" from Linsengericht, Germany. (Near Frankfurt am Main)

The band thrilled more than 500 "Park Goers" with tunes such as "Alpenland - Medley", "Fuchshoppolka", "Es klingt Musik" and "Und ewig wird der Himmel brennen".

The concert, was hosted by the Schuetzenpark Gilde, The German American Family Club of Iowa and Illinois, DANK - Quad City Chapter and Katy's Import Foods and Market of Moline. We also thank the HyVee Store on Rockingham Road in west Davenport.

## "KINDERFEST"

JUNE 29, 1911

*Was given in Connection with  
Field Meet of the Upper Classes of  
the Davenport Turngemeinde*

A children's festival and bird shoot of the Davenport Turngemeinde was held Thursday, June 29, 1911 at Schuetzen Park in connection with the field meet of the upper classes of the society.

A parade was held at 9:00am starting at the Turner Hall. Following the parade, special street cars were taken to the Park where the day's program of sports commenced.

There was bird shooting and various other sports for the children and a field meet and other contests by the upper classes. A large number of visiting Turners from Clinton and various other points attended.

A concert was given in the afternoon by one of the local bands and a dance was held in the evening. The King and Queen were crowned at 6:00 o'clock with appropriate ceremonies.

"The Turners practiced hard for the meet and expected to break some records."

(Davenport Dailey Times, June 3, 1911, p.4)

### I want to help preserve Schuetzen Park!

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\$25.00

"A Mark, a Yen, a  
Buck or a Pound."