

2006 Veranstaltungskalender

-Activities-

September 24 - Annual *Oktoberfest Sunday* at Schuetzen Park. (see story) Info - 322-5489

December 1 - German Christmas Show - (see story)

Der Schützenkönig

“Music to our Ears”

A visit to our web site at www.schuetzenpark.info will earn you a special musical treat. The Hans Gerig Musikverlag, and “Die 3 Colonias” band from Germany, have very graciously agreed to allow the Gilde to present their version of “The Shooting King”, or *Der Schützenkönig* on our site. The Shooting King is a very special honor bestowed upon the best shot in an annual competition at each Schützenvein in Germany, and wherever the sport is practiced. The Davenport Schuetzenverein has crowned a “King” since 1863. The first Schützenkönig of the DSV was Ludwig Schmidt and Chris Jansen was crowned “King” in 1902, 08, 22, 24, 28. This musical piece is a celebration the “Schützen” tradition. “*Gut Schuß*”

Maintenance Road Developed

As unglamorous as it may seem, a maintenance road that was recently installed at the east end of the Park will allow the Gilde to improve that area of the Park in many ways.

Thanks to gifts from The Riverboat Development Authority, Scott County, Linwood Stone, and numerous volunteer hours, the road, which was actually redeveloped on the site of the original Park lane of 1870, has already proved it's worth. Since its completion, small forestry projects, trail installation and landscaping in that area of the Park have been completed.

The road is not currently open to the public. The road is called Schuetzen Park Lane.

Also, our thanks to WalMart of West Kimberly Road for their recent gift of \$500 for the purchase of a shed for the east end of the Park. The placement of this shed will save countless trips to the west side of the Park for tools.

Bavarian Wayside Shrine

Traditions are important in Schützenpark

It doesn't take long to realize that you are in a special place when you visit Schuetzen Park. It's uniqueness has roots in the traditions of the German speaking peoples who founded it in 1870.

Walk for a while in the Park and you will eventually arrive at a wonderful place called “Die Hasenheide”, or rabbit meadow. (Named for a famous area outside of Berlin where Turnvater Jahn first trained his young athletes.) Situated on top of the hill overlooking the Mississippi River valley you'll find the recently installed Bavarian wayside shrine. The wayside shrine is common in many areas of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The shrine was given by the Leo Ruth Family as a memorial to Leo's wife, Phyllis, who passed away in December 2005. Made almost entirely from native Iowa lumber, the shrine stands more than 10 ft tall. A bench near by, donated by the Northwest Davenport Turnverein is an inviting place to rest.

The shrine will be dedicated and blessed on Sept. 24, 2006 at the “Okotberfest Sunday” celebration in the Park. A procession will be lead through the Schuetzen Park forest to the shrines location for the blessing. The site is not easily accessible and only those able to walk in uneven, often hilly conditions are recommended to participate in the procession.

No matter your religious beliefs, the addition of the shrine to the Park is one more indication that it is alive, vibrant and meaningful to our lives today.



Leo Ruth, Brady Cale, Austin Cale, Kelly Cale, Maverick Cale, Parker Ruth, Emma Ruth, Kristin Manion, Gabby Manion

Firewood Available

A limited amount of firewood is available at the Park. Whether you are looking for a small bundle, or an entire pickup load, please call 563-499-6789 to make arrangements. There is a charge for firewood and a representative of the Park must be present for all firewood pickups.

Harned & Von Maur Picnic July 19, 1916

The Harned & Von Maur store picnic for employees held at Schuetzen Park this afternoon proved a greater success even than similar events held in former years. The feature event of the afternoon was the baseball game, staged between the married and single men, and which was won by the single men. Ben Walker was captain of the victors.

The following games were won by: Thurmon Smith, married men's race; C.H. Stehle, spud race for ladies; George Hurlaff, single men's race; Laura Koepke, high jump for ladies; Collis Hatsell, boys hand race; Mable Finley, football kicking contest for ladies; tug of war, married men T. Smith captain; bowling contest, married ladies, Mrs. McClure captain. Joke prizes were given for all events. Supper was served at 5 o'clock and there was dancing from 6 o'clock to 10.

German Christmas Show Returns to The Quad Cities

The Schützenpark Gilde is very pleased to announce that, after a few years absence, the wonderful "German Christmas Show" will again take place on Friday evening, December 1, 2006.

Organized by Armin Homan (Das Deutschlandecho) of Chicago, the show will star 3 musical groups this year. Acts are as follows: Singing-duo "BERGKRISTALL", Singingstar "ALEXA" and Musik-Duo "BARDEN BAND". The groups will perform new & old Christmas songs, Schlager, Volkslieder and dance music.

The location for the "German Christmas Show" is the refurbished Upham Hall on the campus of Davenport's Marycrest. General admission is \$20 per person and includes fine refreshments from "Frieda's" at intermission. Special "stage side" tables for 8 are available at \$175.00 and includes intermission refreshment served at the table.

Enjoy dinner out on the town then come to the German Christmas show for a wonderful evening of entertainment, friendship and a great dessert.

More information will follow within the next few weeks. Be sure to reserve your seats early.



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