

NewsLetter 3

Community Research Technology, Inc.

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Our mission mission as a community non-profit organization is to (1) promote digital preservation of the athletic history of the New Ulm area, (2) provide real-time Internet access of the preserved archives and make current athletic event results available to any person at any time any place in the world and (3) encourage a technology-focused friendly environment for family and community history research.

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CATCHING UP

Most of the news is good news.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Horah! Our federal tax exemption has arrived and that should help us when we move into more fund raising and in other situations. We believe our legal requirements for the state of Minnesota are just about in order.

FOUNDATION GRANT

Again, we lost out in our application for funding from New Ulm Foundation. We realize that there are a lot of organizations looking for help. There may be more now than in the past. All we can do is keep making applications and some day we may be heard. We have assumed everyone understands the many people this project will impact, but that assumption may not be true. We will need to do a better job of “compiling the numbers”. If we take each sport and activity times the number of kids in the current program times the number of years the sport has been active and then take the result and add the parents, grand parents, brothers and sisters and we have quite a few who share the interest.

EQUIPMENT ORDERED

A computer to fit our immediate needs has been ordered and should be in operation early in July. Likewise a scanner so we can convert black and white photography negatives and slides to digital images is also expected. The executive committee made the arrangements after securing proposals from the computer vendors in the community.

Temporarily these will be set up at the president designate’s “tree house” office to test out and get started until a home is determined.

INDEX WORK BEGINS

In order to organize all the artifacts – the photos, clippings, scrapbooks, etc., we are developing an index system which will provide access to thousands of artifacts. We need to anticipate a number of requirements and ask that you review the illustrations on the extra attachment and tell us what we have missed. It is particularly important that the coaches of the community look this over to be sure all teams, etc., are included at the beginning. We can’t put any on the historic website until we’ve decided the format of the index and begun the big task of entering the data.

Red Wyczawski’s American Legion file may be the kickoff conversion because it contains team pictures and stats from just about everything.

WEBSITE

The website is now confirmed and will be called “New Ulm Sports Central”. Unfortunately the initials NUSC already is reserved by a neighborhood tennis club in Georgia. In order to make it easy to reach, we have reserved both www.newulmsportscentral.com and

www.newulmsportscentral.org We'll put a few old pictures on there just for interest while we go about the development work which will be necessary.

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A color theme is desired and with schools and local teams having a range of colors, one suggestion that has merit is to use variations of the Red, Yellow and Black that is associated with Hermann's home country. Purple/Maroon/Red/Blue might work to involve local schools but the mix of all the colors might not be the best idea.

STATE CAPITOL DAY At its invitation, we sat in at the Brown County Historical Society's cultural event during Capitol for Day. There was very low traffic, but the one couple who did visit at our table provided tips to of Searles/Hanska history material. Since our goal is to cover roughly the area served by the New Ulm school district, these schools/teams would be included.

SMART CARD AND KIWKTRIP As we progress, we will have good use for any and all funding resources to finance smaller costs such as printer ink and other normal supplies used in maintaining our systems. Two prospects to help would be Kwik Trip's sharing program which rebates purchases using the Kwik Trip credit card. But we have to have at least five persons designate CRT as the non-profit organization of their choice to have money come our way.

Another utilizes the Smart Town Card by designating our non-profit organization to receive purchase percentages. Information concerning use of SmartTown cards will be available Wednesday, July 2 at the Holiday Inn from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. You receive part of the rebate in cash and we would receive some funds directly if you designate CRT. We'll make sure the non-profit information for CRT is passed on to the SmartTown representatives. Join these efforts to help us. Call Herb at 507-276-1774 to get lined up.

FAMILY CHARTER MEMBERSHIP Steve Marquardt, former New Ulm baseball player and newsman, living at Eveleth, says a check is on the way to purchase the CRT Charter Memberships for himself, his wife and two children to assist what he says is a very worthwhile project. We will be placing names of our Charter Members on the website shortly. If you haven't joined yet, send a check and your email address so you may be included in the listing as one of the extra benefit of being a charter member.

**Simply send a \$25.00 check to CRT, Inc., 1435 10th S. St.,
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