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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Once again it is show time. In a few short days Heritage Hill will once again be bustling with all the activities of the annual Threshing Show. The 2011 Threshing Show will be extra special as Heritage Hill will be hosting the Ford/Fordson Collectors Association as the Association gathers for its 2011 annual convention. The Ford/Fordson Collectors Association is a national organization based in Mahomet, Illinois. As part of the convention the Ford/Fordson Collectors will be meeting at the Maynard Community Center for its annual banquet, Heritage Hill welcomes the Association and hopes its members have a very rewarding and memorable event. As in the past Heritage Hill members will be called upon to volunteer in various capacities throughout the weekend. Volunteers are needed to staff the Threshers' Kitchen, gate admissions, threshing and all the various buildings and activities throughout the weekend. Your help will be needed in multiple capacities. Please remember that we as Heritage Hill members are hosting the show for our spectators, exhibitors and other guests. Please volunteer when and where you are able.

Sunday July 17th was another bizarre day at Heritage Hill. If you recall much of the mid-west was suffering from extreme heat and humidity, with dew points around 80°F at the time. Conditions seemed ripe for another mega-storm out break at any moment. The Threshers' Kitchen was reserved for the day as an open house bridal shower for Emma Skaggs was soon to begin. The skies to the southwest soon darkened. Now, as we have all learned in recent years, if a storm should develop anywhere in the area, for sure there will be damage at Heritage Hill. So was the case on July 17th. Roughly a 10-foot square area of shingles was ripped off the chapel. The newly completed pole building sustained the most damage as the southerly overhead door was vertically buckled and mangled beyond repair. The bottom two panels were pulled up on the inside of shed, exposing the bottom couple feet of the door opening. The wind deposited rain water, flooding the entire floor of the new pole building. Shingles from the chapel were strewn about on the floor, and the northerly facing sliding doors and rails were damaged as well. Consistent with other damage found, major tree damage was expected. Upon inspection only one tree had a small limb broke, and very few if any leaves were found on the ground. That was the bizarre part of the storm. In addition two large heavy old threshing machines, located among the other old equipment on the east line of the show site, were tipped over. Fortunately, there was no other significant damage noted at the show site.



If the July 17th storm was not enough, the morning of August 1st was cause of another round of bad weather. The hardest hit was the Starbuck, Lowry and Glenwood areas of the state. Heritage Hill members Harvey and Dianne Pederson reside on the north side of Lake Minnewaska. Fortunately they were spared damage at their residence. A little farther north on Pelican Lake, Dorraine and I have our camper set on a 75-unit campground. This campground took the brunt of the storm with about 200 trees broken or uprooted, campers knocked off their footings, screen porches damaged beyond repair and many boats and docks damaged as well. The fortunate part is that there were no known injuries in any of these storms.

Again, we are looking forward to a very good attendance at the 2011 Heritage Hill Threshing Show. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with all the members again at this annual event. Hope to see you then.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

THRESHER'S KITCHEN – 2011 PIE DONATION: As in past years pie donations are requested from each family unit. **Two nine inch pies will be requested from each family.** Due to health regulations, please prepare fruit filled pies only. Cream based, meringue, pumpkin & pecan pies are prohibited and cannot be sold at the show. Please bake the pies thoroughly prior to delivering to the Threshers' Kitchen. Any unbaked or partially baked pies are required to be discarded. Pies can be delivered Thursday night, Friday or Saturday to the Threshers' Kitchen. Label each pie indicating the type of filling. The Threshers' Kitchen food service will be available 7:00 am to 5:00 pm throughout the Threshing Show weekend. A pancake breakfast will also be available each morning. **Thursday August 18th, there will be a limited menu available in the Threshers' Kitchen.** Volunteers are still needed for the kitchen. Workers are required to wear hair nets or caps. Members are needed to help clean the kitchen each evening during the Threshing Show. If you can volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Grace Zeller at 320-847-3131.



SPECIAL NOTICE -GATE ADMISSION: As in past years all paid members will have free admission to the Heritage Hill annual threshing show. MVAFPMA now has approximately 250 volunteer members. It is impossible for the gate workers to know all current members. A gate pass is enclosed in this newsletter for each paid member. **THIS IS YOUR PASS FOR ONEFREE ADMISSION. YOUR NAME IS ON THE PASS – IT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANYBODY ELSE. IF YOU FAIL TO PRESENT THIS PASS AT THE GATE, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY ADMISSION.** Please make every effort to be a team player on this issue. Please remember that MVAFPMA is a non-profit/volunteer organization and the gate admission revenue is very important to the financial success of the organization. The above policy has been adopted to help and assist the gate workers who are also volunteering their time. Thanks for your cooperation. *The Directors*

Mowing and Show Site Preparation: Volunteers are needed to prepare the show site. Your help is needed to complete various tasks prior to the Threshing Show especially starting Monday morning August 15th. **Mowing and trimming is scheduled for all day Monday, August 15th, 9:00 start.** Mowing will continue into the evening if needed. Please plan to help whenever you are available. If you have questions, please contact Wesley Thompson at 320-226-5532. **Thank you, The Directors**

RAFFLE TICKETS: All unsold raffle 2011 tickets must be surrendered at the **August 16th** membership meeting. Please make every effort to sell your tickets prior to that date. Thank you, **The Directors.**

THRESHING SHOW CHAIRS

The following members have agreed to serve as committee chairs during the threshing show:

Announcer – Jordan Zeller	Past Feature Tractors – Mick Sellman/LuVerne Bangsund
Antique Automobile – James Roe	People Movers – Dennis Olson
Audio -Ervin Winter/Daniel Winter	Pedal Pull – Waunita Kanten
Barnaal Building – Floyd Kanten/Richard Emch	Portable Toilets – Douglas Norman
Blacksmith –Dan Poach	Church Service – Dennis & Beatrice Olson
Concession Stand – Carol Hegna/Susan Bergquist	Queen Coronation – Carmen Haugen
Corn Sheller – Kimm Jacobson	Registration/Office –Sandy Faehn, Patty Kurtzbein, Linda Benjamin
Dust Control – Peter Lindholm & Orlynn Hegna	Sawmill – Denny Kurtzbein& Patty Kurtzbein
Fairbanks-Morse Building – Mick Sellman	Schoolhouse – Ronald and Maryan Froland
Gate Admission – Eugene Zeller	Shocking/Threshing – Farming Committee
Hanson Building Displays – Elsie Holtan	Hagen House – James Roe
Shingle Mill/Planing – LuVerne Bangsund/John Bangsund	Small Engines – Kyle Ashling/Lannie Ashling/Donald Holtan
Lawn mower Pull – Kyle Ashling/Tim Stensrud	Steam Engine – Jeff Lund
Log Cabin – Ron Molde`	Swap Vendors – Floyd & Waunita Kanten
Merchandise Sales – Merlin Hanson/Richard Oleson	Tents –Doug Norman
Miniatures – Kermit Ehrenberg	Tractor Display – Mick Sellman
Music – Daniel Winter	Thresher's Kitchen – Thresher's Kitchen Committee
National Anthem – Gerald Loe	Toy Building – Robert Kellen
Parade – Mick Sellman	Trains – David Heath & James Heath
Parking/Camping – (group needed)	Tractor Pull – Gerald Kleene
Food Service – Tractor Pull – Paul/Ardis Larson	Tractor Races – Floyd Hilbrands/Jordan Zeller

If you have not registered to help on one of the committees, please contact the listed chair to volunteer your services.

Fordson Tractor History – Special Uses

Ford established a policy in 1919 to loan Fordson tractors to educational institutions with vocational training programs. Agricultural colleges could use a Fordson for six months and then exchange it for a new one. Under this arrangement, forty-two tractors were loaned to such universities as Cornell, Idaho, Michigan, Maryland and Prairie View State Normal in Texas. Others went to the orphanage at Nacoochee Institute in Georgia, the Berry School at Rome, Georgia and Camp Dix at Hutchinson, Kansas. Ford signed a contract for a large consignment of Fordson tractors to the Soviet Union in 1919, which soon became the largest customer of the company. From 1921 until 1927, the Soviet Union purchased over 25,000 Fordsons. In 1924, the Leningrad plant "Red Putilovite" started the production of Fordson-Putilovets tractors. These inexpensive and robust tractors, both American and Soviet models, became the major enticement for Soviet peasants towards collectivisation and were often seen on Soviet posters and paintings during the era. In 1923 a Soviet stamp featured a Fordson tractor.



MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

EVENT

Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill
 (August Servers: **Sandra/Burdette Faehn; Carol/Erwin Winter; Marlys/James Heath; Elsie/Donald Holtan**)
Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill
2011 THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Ford/Fordson Tractors
2012 Swap Meet

DATE/TIME

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 – 7 pm
Thursday, September 1, 2011 – 7 pm
August 19, 20 & 21, 2011
April 20 & 21, 2012

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: July 19, 2011 – Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at Heritage Hill, Montevideo. Quorum: 45 members.

Vice President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the June 21, 2011 membership meeting. M/S/P Curt Berg/Bob Lerohl to approve the minutes.

Vice President Kleene reported the June financials. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Mark Bigaouette to approve the report

- **Storm Damage:** President Thompson reported on Sunday, July 17th wind storm damage. An insurance claim has been filed and the repairs will be completed as needed.
- **Defibrillator:** The pads have exceeded the expiration. A new pad set has been ordered but it is safe to use the expired pads also. The pads will be checked each year and updated as needed.
- **Corn Sheller:** Bran Stensrud from the Pioneer Power Inc. of Hanley Falls will be bringing a Cook Corn Sheller mounted on a Mercedes Benz truck to the 2011 HH Threshing Show. The builder of the sheller will be available during the show to run it periodically shelling corn throughout the 3-day event.
- **Fairbanks Morse Air Tank:** The Board of Directors decided to delay the air tank purchase due to cost and specification issues. Western Coop will be furnishing an air tank trailer for the 2011 Threshing Show.
- **School House Plaque:** Ron Molde donated a framed poem about a one room school house which had belonged to his mother. It will be hung in the school house.
- **Bleachers:** Volunteers are needed to replace boards and repair the bleachers prior to the Threshing show.

- **Volunteers Needed:** There are many volunteer opportunities before and during the Threshing Show, including gate admissions, the Threshers' Kitchen, people movers, threshing and bundle pitching, cleaning, lawn mowing, etc. Many volunteers are needed to make the show enjoyable for the guest and exhibitors attending the Threshing Show.
- **Pedal Tractor:** The Ford pedal tractor was donated by Tjosvold Equipment Inc. of Granite Falls. Volunteers are needed for selling pedal tractor raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold in a shaded tent near the new pole building.
- **Tractorcade:** Curt Berg is organizing the tractorcade which is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2011.
- **Parades:** Thank you to everyone who participated in all the parades. President Thompson gave a special thank you to Doug Norman, Marilyn Norman and Ron Molde for participating in the parades and escorting the queen.
- **Raffle Tickets:** All raffle tickets are to be sold, stubs and proceeds returned to President Thompson by August 1, 2011.
- **Toy Building:** Robert Kellen is organizing the toy building for the Threshing Show. Any amount of toys is welcome and space will be made available.
- **Pole Building:** Donations as of this date are \$4,425.00. Jim Roe will make the plaque to display the names of donors.
- **Parking:** There still is a need for horse riders to be parking attendants at this time.
- **Wheat:** Volunteers will be needed to cut, shock and load wheat in near future.
- **Threshing Show Preparation:** Preparations will begin Monday, August 15th to prepare the grounds and equipment. Lawn mowing and trimming is scheduled for the same day.
- **Membership Meeting:** The meeting will remain on the scheduled date of Tuesday, August 16th.
- **Pies:** All members are to bring 2 pies. Please remember to bring only fruit pies. No cream base pies will be accepted. Pies can be ordered from Pauline Stranlund, 320-841-1234, for \$7.00 each and she will deliver them to Heritage Hill.
- **Posters:** Remember to hang up as many posters as you can to get the word out about the upcoming Threshing Show.

SPECIAL DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: July 26, 2011 - Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called a special directors meeting to discuss wind storm building damage.
 Present: Thompson, Heath, Molde, Zeller, Stegeman, Bangsund, Winters Absent: Kleene, Bergquist, Emch.
 Thompson reviewed with the insurance adjuster decisions on all the buildings.

- **Church:** The church had shingle damage. M/S/P Bangsund/Zeller to hire a contractor to repair the damage as soon as possible. It has been temporarily repaired to prevent further damage. Molde agreed to purchase the shingles and coordinate the contractor.
- **Pole Building:** The southerly overhead door, door opener track, and northerly sliding door track was damaged. Don's Building Center, Kerkhoven will order parts and repair prior to the Threshing Show.
- **Train Building:** The building was moved 6 inches off its foundation blocks. Volunteers moved the building back into place. Jim Heath and Mick Sellman secured new stakes to try to prevent any further damage.
- **Toy Building:** Some shingle damage which will be repaired at a later date.
- **Log Cabin:** A few corrugated roofing sheets were loose which will be repaired by volunteers prior to the Threshing Show.
- **Other Buildings:** Minor repairs noted on other buildings but some may have been from previous times. The Insurance Company allowed some funds for repairs that will be completed by the volunteers with supplies on hand. Needed repairs prior to the Threshing Show will be completed. Please report other damage if it should be found.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: August 4, 2011 - Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.
 Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Zeller, Stegeman, Bangsund, Winter, Emch. Guests: 4
 Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Secretary Heath read the minutes M/S/P Bergquist/Winters to approve the minutes.
 Treasurer Bergquist presented the July financial report. M/S/P Kleene/Bangsund to approve the report.

- **Wheat Cutting:** Wheat will be cut on Monday August 8, 2011 at about 11:00 AM. The bundles will be loaded onto wagons immediately; bundles will not be shocked. Volunteers are needed to load the bundles.
- **Fire Extinguishers:** Molde has checked all the buildings for extinguishers. Thompson will purchase additional extinguishers as needed.
- **Hagen House:** Jim Roe's grandson, Jackson, built a boardwalk to the back of the house. The showcase, stored in the basement will be moved to the Nordaune room to display smaller memorabilia. Donations of 1940's memorabilia are needed for the showcase.
- **Automated External Defibrillator:** The existing pads are in working condition. Replacement sets will be acquired as needed. A donation plaque acknowledging Wal-Mart placed next to the defibrillator. The defibrillator is located by the Threshers' Kitchen entrance door.
- **Bleachers:** Thanks are extended to Wilbert Macziewski, Wayne Spiess, and Bob Kellen for replacing bleacher planks.
- **Parking Attendants:** Zeller has located a parking assistance group. The group will be available on Friday and Saturday from 6 to 4 pm and on Sunday from 6 am to noon. The cost will be \$400.00 for all three days. Night security will be provided by club members and the sheriff department.
- **Blacksmith:** Dan Poach agreed to provide blacksmith shop services again this year.
- **Barnaal Building:** The doors will be open but the equipment will not be operating.
- **Lawn Mowing:** Mowing is scheduled for Monday, August 15th; Tuesday, August 16th if postponed. This is the last mowing prior to the Threshing Show. Mowers and weed trimmers are needed. The set up for the show will start as soon as the mowing is complete.
- **Ford Car & Truck Collectors:** There will be a special area designated for Ford automobile displays. M/S/P Molde/Zeller to send invitations to non-member collectors to bring their vehicles to the show. Jim Roe and Dale Norman will be in charge of sending the invitations.
- **Storm Damage:** Needed repairs are being completed prior to the Threshing Show. The remaining repairs will be completed at a later date. The insurance claim totals \$10,139.32 after the \$500.00 deductible.
- **Pedal Tractor Raffle:** 500 tickets have been printed to be sold only during the show. The Ford pedal tractor was donated by Tjosvold Equipment, Inc., Granite Falls.
- **Membership Passes:** The passes have been printed and individual member names will be printed on each respective gate pass. Passes will be mailed August 9th, 2011 along with the newsletters.
- **Ford Flags:** Doug Norman will furnish the Ford flags to be flown during the Threshing Show.
- **Fans:** M/S/P Bergquist/Kleene to purchase 6 box fans for the Ost Building and the Threshers' Kitchen. The fans are available for \$11.00 each. Molde volunteered to purchase the fans.
- **Ford Meeting:** The Ford/Fordson Collectors will hold its annual meeting in the Wayne Ost Building shop.

- **Work Night:** Work nights are scheduled for every Tuesday and starting Tuesday August 9th, 2011 each night until the start of the 2011 Threshing Show.
- **Volunteers:** Many volunteers are still needed. All members are needed to volunteer during the show.

Extras – What’s new with the Scandinavian boys?

Ole goes into the doctor's office and says that his body hurts wherever he touches it. "Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me." Ole takes his finger and pushes his elbow and screams in agony. He pushes his knee and screams, pushes his ankle and screams. The doctor says, "It's not as bad as you think." "No?" Ole inquires. "Your finger is broken," the doctor says.

Thor walked into the Up North Corner Bar and, after staring for some time at the only woman seated at the bar, walked over to her and kissed her. She jumped up and slapped him silly. He immediately apologized and explained, "I'm sorry. I tought yew vere my wife. Yew look exactly like her!" "Why you worthless, insufferable, wretched, no good bum!" she screamed. "Funny," he muttered, "Yew even sound exactly like her."

Pastor Lars waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." Pastor Lars chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business!"



TREASURER'S REPORT: July 2011

Financial Statement: July 1, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$8,389.16	General Fund	\$2,029.99	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$38,549.64	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,144.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91	Farming Fund	\$40,579.63	TOTAL
\$4,134.26	Hagen House		
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$7,475.00	Pole Building Fund		
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund		
\$4,010.51	Wayne Ost Fund		
\$40,579.63	TOTAL		



Operating Statement

\$40,579.63 **Balance: July 1, 2011**

<u>Donations - Pole Building</u>			
\$250.00	Don's Building Center	\$100.00	Gerald/Karen Kleene
\$100.00	John/Julie Bangsund	\$150.00	Robert/Helen Lerohl
\$200.00	LuVerne/Ramona Bangsund	\$200.00	Wilbert/Betty Macziewski
\$100.00	Donald/Lola Dambrotten	\$125.00	Milo/Marvel Moen
\$100.00	Burdette/Sandra Faehn	\$100.00	Earl/Lillian Ostlie
\$400.01	Orlynn/Carol Hegna		

RECEIPTS

\$29.17	Coop Dividend
\$15.00	Dues/Membership
\$11.16	Interest
\$17,000.00	Loan Advance
\$32.00	Meeting Lunch Donation
\$1,825.01	Pole Building Donations
\$595.00	Raffle Tickets
\$300.00	Swap Spaces
\$19,807.34	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$1,447.82)	Buttons/Plaques
(\$119.52)	Electricity
(\$390.70)	Equipment Repair
(\$44.00)	Office/Postage
(\$26,142.50)	Pole Building
(\$170.00)	Threshing Show: Advertising
(\$28,314.54)	TOTAL
\$32,072.43	Balance: July 31, 2011

Financial Statement: July 31, 2011

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Investment Accounts</u>	
\$7,167.45	General Fund	\$2,512.73	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$1,503.39	Chapel Fund	\$29,559.70	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$1,176.00	Decibel Reduction Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$8,800.91	Farming Fund	\$32,072.43	TOTAL
\$4,134.26	Hagen House		
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund		
\$157.51	Pole Building Fund		
\$1,299.10	Threshing Fund		
\$323.30	Tractor Pull Track Fund	\$17,000.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$4,010.51	Wayne Ost Fund		
\$32,072.43	TOTAL		

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer