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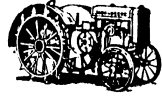
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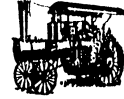
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. I hope all is well with you and your family. Memorial Day weekend was early this year. I hope you had a chance to attend a Memorial Day service and remember those who fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Many area high school and college commencements were held during the last couple weekends of May. Congratulations are extended to Heritage Hill high school seniors, Karl Hegna and Dustin Johnson, who graduated from Yellow Medicine East High School and Dawson-Boyd High School, respectively. Best wishes to both graduates on their future endeavors. The loss of the Nordaune House is still on the minds of many Heritage Hill members. At the May 19th membership meeting various ideas regarding the replacement of the house were discussed and many members expressed their opinions. It is always greatly appreciated when the membership is open to discussing and offering input on such important issues. By the conclusion of the meeting a committee was formed to gather all information and present options at a future meeting. At this point it is just good to know that the membership is supportive of replacing the loss of the Nordaune House. The highway repair and reconstruction season is upon us. With the new Economic Stimulus Package in place there appears to be many more road closures and detours than what has been experienced in the past few years. As most of you know Minnesota Highway 7 between Montevideo and Clara City is currently closed and will be closed throughout the summer months. This may create some challenges for those attending the 2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show in August. Sooner or later the road needs to be repaired. Most people are resilient - most visitors who desire to attend the show will find the alternate path. On Sunday May 31st a few members of Heritage Hill gathered at the Tractor Pull track for some trial and error tractor pulls. Scrap Iron Express recently acquired a new pulling unit which it tested at Heritage Hill prior to the tractor pulling season. It was a fun afternoon for all who attended. The annual Heritage Hill picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th in the Thresher's Kitchen. The monthly membership meeting will follow. Please see the newsletter insert for detail and I hope to see you there.

The weather this spring has been interesting. According to the National Weather Service meteorologists, May 2009 has been the driest May on record since 1934. It is quite evident that these statistics are accurate in the area counties. The rain gauge did not get much use so far this spring. Many senior members of Heritage Hill still harbor vivid memories of the 1930's drought. The weather patterns of the 1930's are very parallel to what has been experienced in 2009 to date. The temperature patterns were the same - a couple days of extremely high temperatures followed by below average cold weather. In 1934 Central Minnesota experienced some level of frost all 12 months of that year. The most striking similarity to date is the high winds of May 20th which caused a modern day dust storm only to be matched by those of 1934. On May 26th Heritage Hill members gathered to pick rock on the county land. The members in attendance were able to witness first hand the destructive nature of a dust storm. In the southwest corner of the field, there were significant amounts of accumulated wind eroded soil that blew in from other areas and settled in the field. The newly emerged corn was badly damaged from the sandblasting effects. The corn should recover as the growing point of the corn plants were still beneath ground level. Well, with faith in the Good Lord above, hopefully significant rain will begin to fall and yields will be better than expected.

The famous quote "Many hands make for light work" applied well to the evening of rock picking at Heritage Hill. For some reason the rock crop was more plentiful this year than in the past but with 26 members and multiple rigs, the rocks were harvested in about 2 hours. The kitchen crew prepared a very good lunch for all who participated. As promised, a good time was had by all. Rocks are a hard fact of life for most farmers. The quantity of rocks in any given area depends in part by what the last glacier left behind. Some farms are fortunate to be mostly rock free while other farms continue to present significant challenges. Large rocks buried just below the soil surface, had to be removed before our ancestors could plow, till and work the rich, virgin soil the first time. A dangerous operation that applied to the removal of some large rocks was dynamite that broke them into movable stones. The largest pieces were removed by digging around them with shovels, picks, and crowbars. Once enough soil was removed and a rock became visible, a chain was attached and the horses would pull it out of the ground. Various means were used to remove the rocks from the fields. Stone boats, a low, flat rectangular shaped wooden wagon were used to carry large rocks. That too was pulled by oxen or horses. The stones were loaded onto trailers and dumped in low lying areas or wherever the soil was unusable. In areas where rocks were too plentiful, rocks were piled along property lines to act as fences. Hand picking the smaller stones from acres and acres of fields was a time-consuming, tedious, back-breaking, never-ending, difficult job. Since the beginnings of agriculture, spring stone-picking has been a dreaded ritual on family farms. Entire families were involved. Men, women, and children tracked into the fields and worked under hot sun, cold or damp air, or wind. Larger families benefitted from more available hands. A special treat was usually in store at the end of the rock picking season. As long as the soil erodes and tillage equipment brings more rocks to the surface, rocking picking is a farming tradition that will not end anytime soon.



Finally, I would like to acknowledge the loss of a good Heritage Hill member and friend Lucy Emch. Lucy died May 19th after a very long and courageous battle with cancer. Lucy will be greatly missed by many as she was very active in many community organizations and was always there ready to help out where needed. Sympathy is extended to Richard Emch and the entire Emch family on the loss of Lucy. May she rest in peace - blessed be her memory.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

ANNUAL PICNIC You and your family are invited to attend the 2009 Annual Heritage Hill Family Picnic scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 6 pm at Heritage Hill. Bratwursts, hot dogs, lemonade and coffee will be provided by the organization. **Please bring a hot dish, salad, dessert or whatever you wish to share.** Also, please bring your own plates, cups and cutlery. Hope to see you for a fun filled evening of fellowship. Membership meeting will follow the picnic.

Thank you, The Directors

Raffle Ticket Sales: The 2009 Heritage Hill Raffle tickets have now been printed and are ready to sell. Please take an active role in selling raffle tickets. The annual raffle generates approximately \$4,000 in revenue for the organization – a great fundraiser for Heritage Hill. 2009 raffle prizes include: **First Place** - Henry Lever Action Golden Boy 22-caliber rifle and gun case; **Second Place** – Chanhassen Dinner Theater/hotel stay tickets-for-two package; **Third and fourth** prizes will include cash. Please see President Wesley Thompson for tickets and other details. **Thank you, The Directors**

Historic Photo of the Month: Once again your help is needed. During the past year many Heritage Hill members shared their family photos and related stories for publication in the monthly newsletters. Thanks to each member who shared. Thanks also for your patience; many members submitted photos early last year and it took a while for their respective photo and story to get published. **Now more photos are needed.** If you have not shared a photo in the past, please consider doing so. If you have previously shared photos and have more to share, you are more than welcome to share again. Any area farm scenes, town scenes, threshing scenes or other photos of agricultural or rural significance would be of great interest to all. Every photo has a story to tell so please share the history of the photo, the location of the photo and the identity of any individuals. Please deliver the photos to Les Bergquist. The photos will be scanned for the newsletter and returned promptly and safely to you. **Thank you, The Editor.**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: May 19, 2009

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hill, Montevideo.

Quorum: 58 members were present.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips read the minutes of the **April 14th** membership meeting. **M/S/P Doug Norman/Jim Roe** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the April financials. **M/S/P Bob Kellen/Mick Sellman.**

- **Announcements:** President Thompson shared his concern for members who are ill and hospitalized and expressed condolences for those who have lost family members.
- **Swap meet:** It was well-attended, receipts were average and testimonials by vendors were positive. The kitchen ran smoothly and over 160 raffle tickets were sold. President Thompson thanked all who participated including those who mowed the grounds. Anyone willing to coordinate the mowing should see President Thompson or any board member.
- **Bake sale and tractor display:** Thank you to all who participated to this successful event.
- **Farming crew:** The wheat, oats and corn are planted. Thank you to Orlynn Hegna, Doug Norman and Denny Kurtzbein.
- **Rocks:** Members should gather at Heritage Hill at 6 p.m. on May 26th; lunch will follow.
- **2009 Threshing Show Queen:** Carmen Haugen read the application letter from Rebecca Landmark (Oscar Landmark's great granddaughter). She will be introduced at the June meeting.
- **National VFW Poppy Day:** Proceeds from the May 21st sale are directed exclusively to veteran's needs. Poppies were available from Wanda Heath.
- **Threshing Show exhibit:** Robert Kolton, Cass Lake, will bring a Leader tractor to the 2009 show.
- **Hanson Building:** Elsie Holten will coordinate exhibits in the Hanson Building. Thank you, Elsie.
- **Heritage Hill Chapel:** Jim Roe reported that he will purchase and install an eternal flame for the chapel. Sandy Anderson has donated two Lenox crystal crosses to be placed in the chapel. Jim is seeking a pastor for the Sunday, August 23rd church service at Heritage Hill. Jim oversees the chapel, the log cabin and the school house. He has prepared a highlight sheet for each structure. Anyone willing to spend an hour or two in one of the buildings to orient visitors during the show should see Jim.
- **Heritage Hill 2009 events:** Jim Roe is the contact for maintaining the schedule. There are currently events scheduled on 5/24, 6/17, 6/22, 7/11, 7/25 and 8/1.
- **2008 Threshing Show DVDs:** They can be purchased from Gerald Kleene for \$10.
- **Case steel wheeled drill for sale:** It's a 12' drill in good condition, offered by Gary Alsaker.
- **Thresher's Kitchen acoustics:** Sound-deadening ideas should be brought to the Board for consideration.
- **Raffle tickets:** Continue to push raffle tickets and submit the proceeds to President Thompson.
- **Record of gifts and memorials:** Sally Phillips to check to see if a log of donations exists.
- **Kitchen improvements:** Vice President Kleene met with the inspector who reviewed food handling regulations and determined that wooden cupboards are acceptable if all shelves and counter surfaces are laminated or enamel coated. Such cabinetry would not qualify, however, for catering (preparing food in the Thresher's Kitchen to be moved and served off-site). The inspector has agreed to review anything we consider purchasing in advance to ensure compliance. **M/S/P Patty Kurtzbein/Waunita Kanten** for the kitchen committee and Vice President Kleene to obtain costs and present them to the members at the June meeting with the intent to install by the 2009 show.
- **GPS:** Merlyn Hanson asked for Heritage Hill's fire number for location purposes. It is 5030.
- **Nordaune House:** President Thompson announced that the insurance settlement was received. The debris will not be cleared at this time pending the club's decision on how to proceed. The cement blocks will be recycled as they are not fit for reuse. The footings are sound. There is no hazardous waste. Treasurer Bergquist reviewed the rules governing donations made to 501(C) (3) organizations. The refund of donations is prohibited and could result in revocation of the 501(C) (3) designation and/or fines and penalties. The insurance proceeds are in the treasury. President Thompson reported on his meeting with Doug Nordaune. The family is aware of the rules. President Thompson reviewed the estimated cost of materials to construct a full scale replica of the Nordaune House (\$17,500 - \$20,500 depending upon whether masonry materials are included). The numbers do not include any labor costs. Vice President Kleene presented information on three houses which have been offered to the club. Moving expenses would vary. Members offered input and opinions. **M/S/P Les Bergquist/Sally Phillips** to form a committee of members to gather ideas, consider various approaches and present options to the members. Committee members include Jim Roe, Steve Haugen, Mick Sellman, Doug Norman and Gerald Kleene.
- **Gratitude:** President Thompson thanked those who served this month's lunch.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: June 4, 2009, cancelled and not rescheduled

The Clarkfield parade and the HH Directors' Meeting were scheduled the same evening. Due to the conflict, the meeting was cancelled.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS:

WANTED: John Deere No. 1,2,3,4,5,7,7A,9,17 steel wheeled combine with header trailer for 1930's vintage John Deere museum. **ALSO WANTED:** Steel wheeled threshing machine, No.6 ensilage harvester, and one or two gang two-way plow. Jim Baumgart cell - 502-807-5601, jim@deerefarms.com.

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>
<i>Heritage Hill Member Potluck Picnic</i>	<i>Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 6:00 PM</i>
<i>2009 Parade Schedule</i>	
<i>Montevideo Airport Fly-in and tractor display</i>	<i>Sunday, June 14, 2009 – 8:00 AM</i>
<i>Boyd</i>	<i>Sunday, June 14, 2009 – 2:00 PM</i>
<i>Montevideo</i>	<i>Sunday, June 21, 2009 – 1:00 PM</i>
<i>Granite Falls</i>	<i>Saturday, June 27, 2009 – 1:00 PM</i>
<i>Dawson</i>	<i>Sunday, June 28, 2009 – 10:00 AM Park, 2:00 PM Parade</i>
<i>Maynard</i>	<i>Saturday, July 4, 2009 – 11:00 AM</i>
<i>Clara City</i>	<i>Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 4:00 PM</i>
<i>THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Leader, Stickney gas engines and lesser known</i>	<i>August 21, 22 & 23, 2009</i>
<i>2009 Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill</i>	<i>Sunday, October 25, 2009 – 1 PM</i>
<i>2009 Christmas Party</i>	<i>Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6 PM</i>

REMINDER: The MVAFPMA BOARD of DIRECTORS must authorize all expenditures prior to incurring the expense. With limited funds available, advanced planning is necessary to assure expenditures can be paid in a timely manner. Cooperation of all members is necessary to assure future success of HERITAGE HILL. This newsletter is published with the hopes of keeping our ever-growing membership informed of current events, issues, concerns and status of projects. Comments, concerns and constructive criticism are always welcome. If you have information you wish to have published please send to Sally Phillips, Secretary or email to Les Bergquist, Treasurer. The Membership and Directors' Meeting articles are high-lights of the respective meetings. Copies of the meeting minutes are available by contacting the Heritage Hill Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: 270 VOLUNTEERS

Invite a neighbor, friend, even a relative, who has interest in preserving agricultural history to become a Heritage Hill member. Annual membership fees are \$15.00 per individual and \$25.00 per family.

Thanks from the Emch Family: I would like to extend thanks to all the Heritage Hill members who sent flowers, cards and memorials, to all for the wonderful food and meals delivered to our home, for your visits, and for the extension of your thoughts, prayers and kind words during these trying times. The loss of Lucy has been very difficult for the family and me. The support from all my neighbors, family and friends has been unending. For this I am very grateful.
Thanks again and God Bless each of you, Richard Emch and family.

Gerald and Orel Jane Loe Celebrate: Please join us in celebrating our parent's 80th birthday anniversaries...Dad on January 14th and Mom on March 15th...and their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 12, 2009. We will be hosting an open house in their honor on **Sunday, June 14th** at the Montevideo Community Center, 550 South First Street, Montevideo, from 2 to 5 pm.
Thank you, The Loe Kids, Lori, Paul, David and LoAnn.

EXTRAS: Infamous Quotes

• Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain • The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns • Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge • Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain • By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates • I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx • My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante • I have never hated a man enough to give back his diamonds. - Zsa Zsa Gabor • Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine • My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield • Money can't buy you happiness. But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan • Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP. - Joe Namath • I don't feel old.. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope • I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - W. C. Fields • We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers • Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill • Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller • By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere - Billy Crystal • And the cardiologist's diet: - If it tastes good spit it out. Chinese Proverb •

TRACTOR PULL EXPEDITION:

On Sunday afternoon May 31, 2009 about a half dozen tractor pull addicts brought their tractors to the Heritage Hill pulling track. It was sort of a tune-up event for the Scrap Iron Express of Marshall, MN. These are the people who provide the skid for the threshing show tractor pull. Devon and Derek De Voss had just purchased a new pulling skid and wanted to give it a thorough test before they started their season next week. A great time was had by all. Local pullers were Richard Emch, Chip Grube, Dennis Kurtzbein, Pat Bot and Gerald Kleene.



TREASURER'S REPORT: May 2009

Financial Statement: May 1, 2009

Internal Accounts

\$7,567.09	General Fund
\$45.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$16,000.00	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$1,212.13	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
\$1,752.81	Tractor Pull Track Fund
\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$109,325.98	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$1,274.32	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$108,051.66	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$109,325.98	TOTAL
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Operating Statement

\$109,325.98 Balance: May 1, 2009

RECEIPTS

\$542.75	Bake Sale
\$15.00	Dues/Membership
\$306.78	Insurance Refund
\$108.55	Interest
\$52.00	Meeting Lunch Donations
\$25.00	Merchandise Sales
\$215.00	Raffle Tickets

\$1,265.08 TOTAL

\$106,425.96 Balance: May 31, 2009

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$163.23)	Electricity
	Equipment
(\$635.13)	Repair
(\$752.25)	Farming Expense
(\$78.15)	Fuel
(\$20.00)	Lucy Emch Memorial
(\$44.00)	Postage/Office Supplies
(\$725.83)	Swap Meet: Advertising
(\$1,243.06)	Swap Meet: Food
(\$359.00)	Swap Meet: Portable Toilets
	Swap Meet: Refuse
(\$117.00)	Removal
(\$27.45)	Threshing Show: Advertising
(\$4,165.10)	TOTAL

Financial Statement: May 31, 2009

Internal Accounts

\$5,367.32	General Fund
\$97.00	Decibel Reduction Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$15,247.75	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$48,800.45	Nordaune House
\$1,212.13	Other Memorial Fund
\$189.24	Stage Fund
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\$30,010.51	Wayne Ost Memorial Fund
\$106,425.96	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$996.61	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$105,429.35	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$106,425.96	TOTAL
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer