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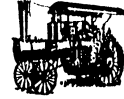
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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Spring is here and the lawn is growing. No matter how warm or cool the spring weather may be, it always seems like the lawn is ready for its first mowing around May 1st – kind of like nature's official gateway to the spring season. It is always interesting to see the spring field work begin. This year is met with new challenges for commodity producers. Due to increased profits in the past three years, many of the related input costs have also increased. The spike in energy prices last year has significantly increased most input costs as everything under the sun is affected by energy prices. Probably the most notable is the increased cost of fertilizer. In addition producers have seen a significant increase in cash rents as land values have increased, proportionately. Agricultural commodity prices have decreased significantly from last year. That combined with the rising input prices will make 2009 an interesting crop year to say the least. As always we need to hope and pray for that magical balance between too much and too little moisture. The Heritage Hill farming committee has done an excellent job managing the wheat, oat, corn and soybean production for the past decade. The 2008 soybeans were sold on April 30th for \$10.12 per bushel; a very commendable price considering the recent volatility in the commodity markets. Again in 2009 I wish to acknowledge the Chippewa County Commissioner for the donated use of the county land, as well as Gary Velde and Pioneer Seed for the donation of Roundup Ready seed corn. Please remember that crops are not the only thing produced on the land – rock production is a close second. Rock picking is scheduled for May 26th with lunch to follow. Please see the newsletter insert. Thanks to all the members who have been involved with the farming. The crop production remains a huge source of funding for Heritage Hill.

The 2009 Heritage Hill Swap Meet was held April 17th and 18th. All went very well and I wish to thank all the members who took part organizing the event. There are countless hours spent behind the scenes pulling everything together – this is no easy task. Thanks also to those volunteers that helped get the buildings prepared prior to the Swap Meet. The buyer and vendor attendance was good as it has been in the past. Many vendors expressed their appreciation for the great event and for opportunity to sell their goods. The new kitchen committee did well with the food service. A few changes were made to the menu and the Thresher's Kitchen was once again well patronized. In past years Heritage Hill members have hosted an annual bake sale; in addition members have annually displayed tractors at Runnings Fleet and Farm Supply each spring. On May 2nd Runnings invited Heritage Hill to do both - display tractors outside in the parking lot and also host a bake sale inside the store. The sun was shining and the day turned out to be great. Many Runnings customers were out and about preparing their lawns and gardens – the store was very busy and all the donated bake goods sold were sold out by mid-afternoon. Everybody seems to enjoy homemade products. Just another successful Heritage Hill event.

By now most of you may be aware that Heritage Hill suffered a material loss on the afternoon of April 15, 2009. A group of volunteers had been working for about a week restoring the Nordaune House. Sometime in the early afternoon the workers noticed a smoke odor somewhere in the house that was not yet visible. A flashlight was located and an inspection was made. It was then learned that the smoke was originating from the attic of the house. A 911 call was then placed to summons help; the Chippewa County Dispatch initiated a response from both the Montevideo and Maynard Fire Departments. By the time the emergency personnel arrived, the house was totally engulfed in flames. Like most days at Heritage Hill the wind was blowing strong, steadily supplying oxygen to further fuel the fire. I would like to extend my appreciation to both the Montevideo and Maynard Fire Department personnel as well as the Chippewa County Sheriff Officers for their professional and prompt service. Over the past ten years Heritage Hill has continued to expand its show site facilities. Relocating and restoring an old prairie style farm house had been part of the long range plans for many years. Needless to say it was very disheartening to all to lose the house after all the time, energy and expense spent procuring this old house. Although no decision have been made, I am quite certain that a restored farm house will continue to be part of the long-range development plans. I would like to extend my appreciation to the entire Nordaune Family for the donation of the house as well as their monetary support that made this project come to fruition. I especially want to extend thanks to all Heritage Hill members who donated countless hours of labor toward the Nordaune restoration project. The fire was quite a frightening experience for all who were at Heritage Hill that fateful day. Despite the loss of the structure, the history and all the related memories, we can all remain grateful that no one was injured as can easily occur during a fire. I would also like to acknowledge the fire investigators, Benson & Helgeson Insurance Agency, and North Star Insurance Company for their prompt and courteous claim service.

I am now looking forward to the 2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show scheduled for August 21, 22 and 23. Show time is only a little over three months away. Have a great Memorial Day Holiday. If you are not already in the habit of doing so, start a tradition of attending a Memorial Day service in your community. It is very important for to honor those who have lost their lives protecting our freedoms, our liberties and our pursuit of happiness. Also, please keep all the area men and women, who are currently deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and other troubled areas, in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

Rock Removal and Rain

The farming crew has completed the seeding of all crops at Heritage Hill. Now the rocks need to be removed. Please plan to attend the rock picking scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 pm**. If rain should make to fields too wet, the rock picking event will be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd. A hearty supper is planned for the entire rock picking crew after that evening after task is complete.

Thank you, The Farming Committee

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 the raffle ticket. 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.**

2009 Heritage Hill Threshing Show Queen

The search is on! All junior and senior high school girls are encouraged to apply to represent Heritage Hill as its 2009 Threshing Show Queen. Anyone interested in participating should send a letter to Heritage Hill (see address on page 1 of this newsletter), stating your name, age, association with the club, and why you would like to serve as the 2009 queen. Please tell us about your involvement in school, church and volunteer activities, employment, talents and hobbies. Applications will be accepted through May 15th. Candidates will attend the June membership meeting for introduction and a short presentation, after which the members in attendance will vote. The queen coronation will take place on Friday, August 21st at 1pm during the 2009 Threshing Show.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: April 14, 2009

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

Quorum: 63 members were present.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice President Kleene.

Secretary Phillips read the minutes of the **March 16th** membership meeting. M/S/P **Vince Welling/Gene Zeller** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the **March 2009** Treasurer's report. M/S/P **Curt Berg/Floyd Hilbrands** to approve the report.

- **Announcements:** President Thompson shared his concern for members who are hospitalized and those who have lost family members. Members recognized Carmen Haugen's birthday.
- **Nordaune house:** Siding removal is underway. Thank you to all who have volunteered.
- **Swap meet updates:** The event is being promoted through various media including live radio spots. Jim Roe will be acting Treasurer on Friday in Treasurer Bergquist's absence. Volunteers were recruited for raffle ticket sales and are still needed for the kitchen. Thank you to all for your efforts, with a special thank you to the Thompsons for the thorough kitchen cleaning. **Note:** Future swap meet publicity should include "no admission charge" on posters and announcements.
- **Teen honored:** Each of the local electrical cooperatives in the state of Minnesota selects an outstanding junior or senior annually and awards that student an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC. This year's winner, chosen by the Minnesota Valley REC of Montevideo, is Amelia Bergquist. Congratulations, Amelia!
- **Automated external defibrillator:** It is mounted on the wall by the entry door of the Thresher's Kitchen. A case was included with the unit. Advanced training will be provided to 8-10 members.
- **Heritage Hill website:** Treasurer Bergquist will coordinate website posting of photos of new board members, Ron Molde and Sally Phillips.
- **2009 Budget:** The 2009 budget was sent to members with the April newsletter. Questions were raised about line items which had a significant variance from 2008 to 2009 such as crop sales income, and on the expense side, capital improvements, swap meet advertising & other expenses for the threshing show. After some discussion, M/S/P Lynn **Wittman/Vince Welling** to approve the 2009 budget.
- **Thrivent grant:** Heritage Hill will receive a \$500 grant following the Threshing Show. Thank you to Gerald Kleene for securing the grant.
- **Threshing Show logo items:** Buttons, plaques and mugs have been ordered. Fewer mugs were ordered this year than last.
- **Threshing Show admission:** The 2009 admission charge will remain \$12 for 3 days, \$6 for 1.
- **Threshing Show coordinator assignments:** All are automatically reassigned unless the coordinator notifies President Thompson or a board member to decline. A coordinator for the Hanson Building is needed for the 2009 show.
- **Threshing Show parking/security:** Will be provided by the Granite Falls Saddle Club.
- **Threshing Show queen:** Please contact Carmen Haugen should you have a daughter, niece or granddaughter currently enrolled in junior or senior high school to represent Heritage Hill.
- **Bake sale and tractor display:** Bake sale posters and suggested price lists were distributed for the May 2nd event at Runnings Farm & Fleet. Please post following the swap meet.
- **Fire extinguishers:** Mick Sellman inspected and declared all fit for service. Thank you, Mick.
- **Ost Building display cabinets:** Many are dilapidated with broken glass. M/S/P Gerald **Kleene/Les Bergquist** to allow the Board of Directors to retain any that can be repaired and to market the remainder at the swap meet.
- **Farming crew:** Will meet with Orlynn Hegna following the meeting to consider 18.4 x 34 duals for purchase or use during the planting season.
- **2009 Parade schedule:** See the event calendar in this and future newsletters. Coordinator Doug Norman announced that the campground is seeded and cordoned off.
- **Tractor pull trophies:** This year's trophies are being made by Erwin Winter and Richard Emch. Walnut has been donated by Denny and Patty Kurtzbein and pine by Erwin Winter.
- **Club clothing:** Merlyn Hanson reminded members that logo items are available for sale. The price of caps has increased \$1.
- **Outstanding annual membership dues:** President Thompson issued a 2nd reminder for members to pay delinquent dues.
- **John Deere tractor:** Denny Kurtzbein and Mick Sellman serviced the tractors and mower. Lynn Wittman volunteered to check the alternator on the Case. Thank you to all.
- **Project for consideration:** President Thompson asked members to consider a permanent serving counter to separate the kitchen from the dining area. It should include adequate storage for supplies. One issue raised is whether it would be required to be stainless steel.

- **Thresher's Kitchen acoustics:** M/S/P **Curt Berg/Wilbert Macziewski** to apply proceeds from tonight's lunch toward acoustic improvement materials for the kitchen.
- **Gratitude:** President Thompson thanked those who served this month's lunch.

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: May 7, 2009

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Kleene, Bergquist, Phillips, Molde, Zeller, Sellman, Kanten, Winter, Emch. *Guests* - 5.

Vice-President Kleene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Phillips read the minutes of the **April 2nd** directors' meeting. M/S/P **Kanten/Bergquist** to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Bergquist presented the April financials. M/S/P **Phillips/Sellman**.

- **Bake sale:** The event at Runnings was a success. Sales were strong and there were 17 tractors on display. Thank you to all who participated.
- **Swap meet:** There was good attendance and vendors were pleased with their sales volume. Thank you to those who helped with preparations and during the meet.
- **Flags:** Kleene to purchase two 3'x5' Minnesota flags as approved in the September '08 meeting.
- **Peddle tractor raffle:** In the past, the tractors were donated by the feature tractor dealers and up to 500 tickets were sold. Thompson to research possibilities and report at the next meeting.
- **Farm program:** Doug Norman reported that he was informed by the FSA that Heritage Hill will not be eligible for farm programs under the 2008 bill as our bylaws state that no member has any interest in the property or operations.
- **Parade update:** See the event schedule in this newsletter for Boyd and Dawson parade details.
- **Trees:** Bob Anderson's son, Neil, donated 3 trees. Sellman & Kleene have planted and are nurturing them.
- **Annual picnic:** The membership potluck will be held on June 16th at 6 p.m. at Heritage Hill.
- **Raffle tickets:** Sales are brisk. Members are asked to continue to sell. Thank you to DJ's for their support and sales effort.
- **Rock picking:** Members should meet at Heritage Hill at 6 p.m., or earlier if they wish, on Tuesday, May 26th.
- **Blacksmith:** Tom Fiedler will coordinate his schedule with Gene Sandau (Madison, MN), Dan Poach and Cory Olson (Kleene to invite) to offer a continuous exhibition of blacksmithing during the threshing show.
- **Eternal flame:** A donation which was made in a previous year and designated to the chapel will be used to fund an eternal flame. M/S/P **Bergquist/Kanten** to authorize Phillips and Jim Roe to purchase and install.
- **Nordaune house:** President Thompson expressed gratitude to all who have supported this project and to the fire department for their prompt response and control of the fire. Treasurer Bergquist will address the membership this month about the rules governing a 501(c) 3 organization's handling of donations. There were ideas proposed about how to move forward on the original goal of placing a house on Heritage Hill. President Thompson had prepared drawings and gathered preliminary cost estimates for constructing a replica of the Nordaune house. He suggested that a paid contractor might be necessary to build the shell of the house with volunteer labor completing the interior. An alternative proposal was to recruit volunteers to complete the first level and to hire a contractor to add the second level. President Thompson also reported that he has been approached about three houses that might be possibilities for moving to Heritage Hill. Vice President Kleene outlined various approaches that could be helpful as we analyze our options. President Thompson emphasized the need to keep the cart *behind* the horse and to gather input from multiple constituencies. Bob Kellen will continue as the project coordinator of the Heritage Hill house. M/S/P **Sellman/Bergquist** that President Thompson continue to pursue ideas for a house on Heritage Hill, and to solicit firm costs to erect the shell of a replica of the Nordaune house.
- **Fire losses:** M/S/P **Bergquist/Kleene** to reimburse Bob Kellen for his extension ladder and other equipment lost in the fire.
- **Sign:** The former Dairy Queen donated its sign to Heritage Hill. Kleene to obtain prices on the cost to purchase a set of 9" letters/numbers.
- **Heritage Hill event:** Barb Oleson is coordinating a Sons of Norway event scheduled for June 22nd with Jim Roe. M/S/P **Bergquist/Phillips** to approve.
- **Farming update:** Thank you to Orlynn Hegna, Doug Norman & Denny Kurtzbein who have completed the planting.
- **Loader Forks:** Kleene will research options and report at the next meeting.

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>
2009 Parade Schedule	
<i>Milan</i>	<i>Saturday, May 16, 2009 – 1:30 PM</i>
<i>Clarkfield</i>	<i>Thursday, June 4, 2009 – 7:00 PM</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>
Heritage Hill Member Potluck Picnic – Heritage Hill	<i>Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 6:00 PM</i>
Board Meeting – Heritage Hill	<i>Thursday, July 2, 2009 – 7:00 PM</i>
2009 Parade Schedule continued	
<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 – 10AM Park; 2 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>
THRESHING SHOW – Featuring Leader, Stickney, Lesser Knowns	<i>August 21, 22 & 23, 2009</i>
2009 Plowing Bee – Heritage Hill	<i>Sunday, October 25, 2009 – 1 PM</i>
2009 Christmas Party	<i>Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6 PM</i>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: 272 VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to the 2009 High School Senior Heritage Hill members who will be graduating. You are cordially invited to attend the following open house graduation receptions:

Karl Hegna: Saturday, May 30th, 1 to 5 pm, 10559 830th Avenue, Montevideo. Karl, a Yellow Medicine East High School graduate, is the son of Orlynn and Carol Hegna. Future Plans: University of Minnesota – Engineering.

Dustin Johnson: Saturday, May 30th, 3 to 7 pm, 2195 361st Avenue, Montevideo. Dustin, a Dawson-Boyd High School graduate, is the son of Jeff and Carla Johnson. Future Plans: Concordia College – Physics and Pre-Engineering.

EXTRAS: The Eighteen Dollar Bill

Sven found a printing press at a garage sale and decided to print counterfeit money. He printed up a batch and showed them to Ole. Ole said, "You must be nuts! Nobody will take an eighteen dollar bill." Sven said, "I know where we can get rid of them - in Minnesota." Ole said, "Well come on, let's get rid if dem fast." They drove to a bait shop in Park Rapids, pulled out an eighteen dollar bill and asked the clerk, "You got change for dis here bill?" The clerk, whose name happened to be Lars, looks it over carefully and says, "You betcha, whdywant, two nines or three sixes?"

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2009

Financial Statement: April 1, 2009

Internal Accounts

(\$7,001.35)	General Fund
\$248.75	Defibrillator Fund
\$16,000.00	Farming Fund
\$3,500.00	Holt Caterpillar Fund
\$9,300.45	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
\$55,212.54	TOTAL

Investment Accounts

\$2,390.04	Citizens State Bank - Checking
\$52,822.50	CSB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CSB - Certificate of Deposit
\$55,212.54	TOTAL
\$9,500.00	Loan Balance - Citizens State Bank

Operating Statement

\$55,212.54 Balance: April 1, 2009

RECEIPTS

\$20.00	Bake Sale
\$15.00	Camping
\$80.00	Dues/Membership
\$2,519.30	Food Sales
\$39,500.00	Insurance Claim
\$67.87	Interest
\$45.00	Meeting Lunch Donations
\$165.00	Merchandise Sales
\$775.00	Raffle Tickets
\$15,367.67	Soybean Sales - 2008
\$1,290.00	Swap Spaces
\$59,844.84	TOTAL

DISBURSEMENTS

(\$197.00)	Equipment Repair
(\$350.96)	Fuel
(\$20.00)	Gwain Hanson Memorial
(\$3,473.78)	Hazard Insurance Premium
(\$50.00)	MAAPS Dues
(\$392.50)	Postage/Office Supplies
(\$200.00)	Scrap Iron Exp
(\$446.70)	Swap Meet: Advertising
(\$317.71)	Swap Meet: Food
(\$282.75)	Threshing Show: Advertising
(\$5,731.40)	TOTAL

\$109,325.98 Balance: April 30, 2009



Financial Statement: April 30, 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

Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer