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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Hello to all HH Members,

As the calendar flipped from autumn to winter, anticipation of frosty mornings and snow-covered landscapes typically filled the hearts of those in the northern hemisphere. Yet, this year, Mother Nature seemed to have a different script in mind.

The onset of winter brought with it a peculiar twist – the beginning stages of normal winter; bitter cold, blustering wind, and snow two feet deep. That has warped into a strange, almost surreal warmth that enveloped regions accustomed to the frigid weather. Instead of donning heavy coats and gloves, people found themselves reaching for lighter jackets and even questioning the necessity of scarves and hats.

In cities where the streets were usually bustling with the sounds of shovels scraping against the sidewalks and snow blowers rattling the crisp air, and eerie quiet settled in. The absence of snowplows and the sight of black fields painted a stark picture of a winter out of sync with its traditional rhythm. It almost seems as if we live in a whole different region. I haven't fired up my snow blower in over a month!

In rural communities, farmers scratched their heads in bewilderment as crops that typically lay dormant beneath a blanket of snow green up and rejuvenate from the unseasonable warmth.

Even my garlic in my garden sprouted back up! While the absence of harsh winter conditions spared livestock from the bitter chill, it also disrupted the delicate balance of nature, leaving ecosystems in a state of confusion. I have seen numerous flocks of birds recently that do not normally return from their southern vacation for a couple more months.

For meteorologists, the anomalous weather patterns posted a puzzle unlike any they had encountered before. The usual predictors of winter weather – the polar vortex, atmospheric pressure systems, and oceanic currents- seemed to have lost their bearings, leaving forecasters grasping at straws in their attempts to make sense of it all.

Yet, amidst the uncertainty and the strangeness of it all, there was a certain beauty to be found in the unexpected warmth of this peculiar winter. I have seen families embrace the opportunity to spend more time outdoors, construction workers getting many projects



done amidst the sweatshirt weather, and even fields being tiled which is normally an unimaginable dream this time of year.

As the days grew longer and the promise of real spring loomed on the horizon, the weird winter of warmth served as a reminder of the ever-changing nature of our planet. It was a testament to the resilience of life in the face of adversity, and a gentle nudge to cherish each moment, whether it be under a blanket of snow or beneath the warmth of an unseasonably sunny sky.

I know I am enjoying this weather, so let this be some motivation to get you out and do that project you have been putting off because it is "winter". Don't let the calendar stop you!

Sincerely, Grant Schmieg, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – Via ZOOM	Tuesday, March 5th – 7:00 pm
Membership Meeting – Threshers' Kitchen	TBD
Christmas Party	TBD
Heritage Days 2024	June 14 - 15, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT: December 2023 – Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

Financial Statement: January 1, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$90,616.32	General Fund	\$2,745.92	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$171,472.52	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$13,893.96	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	\$174,218.44	TOTAL
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$174,218.44		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Operating Statement

\$174,218.44	Balance: January 1, 2024		
			<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
		(\$11,605.60)	Custom Farming
		(\$366.10)	Equipment Repair
		(\$26.16)	Office Supplies
		(\$159.00)	Electric
		(\$110.00)	Septic Cleaning
		(\$511.90)	Show Prep Expenses
		(\$377.27)	Equipment Hauling Expense
		(\$13,156.03)	TOTAL
\$178,280.35	Balance: January 31, 2024		

Financial Statement: January 31, 2024

Internal Accounts

\$89,163.29	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$15,000.00	Insurance Premium Fund

Depository Accounts

\$1,102.53	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$162,569.92	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$163,672.45	TOTAL

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Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank
\$0.00

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:

No minutes to report.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: Jan. 8, 2024. Grant Schmiege, Acting Secretary

Board Members Present: K. Ashling, L. Ashling, Schmiege, Lagred, Hamann, Grube, Schumacher, Peterson

Grant Schmiege presented the Secretary's Report. M/S/P L. Ashling/Lagred
Liz Peterson presented the Treasurer's Report. M/S/P K. Ashling/Schumacher

- Dyno: Doug Norman has donated a portable PTO dynamometer. It has been determined it needed a part costing \$608. This dyno will be a good display for the show for anybody to use. M/S/P K. Ashling/L. Ashling to accept the donation of the broken dyno with the intentions of fixing it with a \$608 part.
- Gifts for Exhibitors/Tractor pull: The board has decided to give out pint glasses this year in lieu of coffee mugs. These will be given out as tractor pull prizes as well instead of trophies.
- Engine Coin: The design was finalized. M/S/P Schmiege/Lagred to accept the purchase of 50 engine coins at \$324 to hand out to engine exhibitors.
- 2025 Feature: No feature has been decided yet for 2025. Contact has been made with numerous collector clubs with no avail.
- TD18 Clutch: Clutch for TD18 has been fixed. \$366.10. Assembly will commence this spring.
- Food: Contact is being made with Knutson's concessions to secure them for the 2024 show again.
- Next Board meeting: 7pm Tuesday March 5th, 7:00pm via ZOOM
- Adjournment: M/S/P Peterson/Lagred

MONTHLY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Starting in 2024 we are going feature new AND existing members in each monthly newsletter. This will be an easy way for everyone to get to know them better and possibly learn something about somebody that they perhaps didn't know! If you want anybody specific featured in future newsletters, let us know.

February's new member highlight is Ranemma Walker, AJ Burgi, and family. Here is a bit of info provided by Ranemma. Welcome to Heritage Hill we are excited to have you join us! Don't be shy during the show stop by and say hello to them, just look for an upright Novo gas engine!

We are new members here at Heritage Hill and would like to introduce a little bit about ourselves. We are a family of 4, consisting of Pearl who is 11 and enjoys going to the pioneer power shows with us in the summer, Isaac who is 16 and a typical teenager busy with friends and life, Ranemma who likes to can and garden and AJ who is an avid gas engine collector. And we can't forget about our littlest, Gizmo, our forever toddler sphynx. She wouldn't let us go to a show without her. As a family we collect many things; old pop bottles, vintage toy tractors and toy cars, pedal tractors, vintage comics, Legos, cast iron, hit-or-miss engines and implements. We enjoy Heritage because it's a younger, innovative crowd. We look forward to helping grow the community and contribute to the success of Heritage Hill.



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2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15 Individual - \$25 Family

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2019 please either cut this out, (or print it out) and return it to the address listed:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please mail your membership renewal and check to:
Heritage Hill, Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265**

Your Heritage Hill Membership is valued and greatly appreciated by many.

Thanks, *Your Heritage Hill Board of Directors*

