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**PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:**

Welcome Heritage Hill Members! It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write before you today about our upcoming annual Heritage Days. As you all know, our club has a long-standing tradition of hosting this event, but this year, we are taking it to new heights, ensuring it will be the best one yet! First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your dedication, hard work, and passion for preserving history have been the driving force behind our success. It is because of your unwavering support that we can confidently say this year's show will be truly extraordinary. A few large items of importance this year are hopefully going to help our show for the better!

This year, we have planned an array of activities and attractions that will cater to both long-time tractor aficionados and those new to the world of agricultural history. Our list includes:

1. Truck and Tractor Pull: We have managed to gather an impressive collection of rare and vintage tractors from around the area. Why not put them to the test? These machines are not just pieces of history; they are a testament to the ingenuity and craftsmanship of their time. Hook them up to our pulling skid and reveal their potential! Along with tractors, our new pulling skid is allowing pickup and semi trucks to hook up and pull as well. This is great news, and hopefully we get some to show up!

2. Local Business Engagement: As some would say "Out with the old in with the new" we like to put our own flare on that saying here at the Hill. "In with the old and In with the new" is exactly what this year is about. While we normally have vintage tractors and equipment on the show grounds, a few local machinery dealerships have expressed interest in bringing out some equipment to display! It is wonderful to see the commitment from local businesses. We enjoy working with them and look forward to more in the future! I can't wait to see what will be scattered throughout the hill!

3. ENGINES ENGINES ENGINES: For those interested in learning more about Hit and Miss engines, this year is better than ever. Swing on down to the Phillips or Powerhouse building and let your questions roll. This year we are anticipating more engines than ever to be displayed, and with that comes a wealth of knowledge. Don't be afraid to ask how they work, why they make certain noises, what they did/do, and many other questions. Our "professionals" will be glad to help!

4. Red Letter Band: We have ensured that there will be something for everyone at our show, including the concert lovers! We have Red Letter Band coming back Friday Night due to popular demand! I am excited to see them live once again on the Heritage Hill Stage.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors and volunteers. Without your support, none of this would be possible. Your contributions have helped us enhance the quality of our show and provide a memorable experience for all attendees and members.

As we gear up for this grand weekend, I encourage each of you to spread the word and invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Let's make this year's Heritage Days a resounding success, showcasing our passion and pride in agricultural history while fostering a sense of community and camaraderie.

In closing, I want to reiterate how thrilled I am about the upcoming show. Together, we are going to create an unforgettable event that will be remembered forever! Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all at the show!

Best Regards,

**Grant Schmieg, President**

## MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

**Board Meeting – July 1<sup>st</sup>, HH**

**Membership Meeting**

**Christmas Party**

**Heritage Days 2024**

July 1<sup>st</sup>, HH Thresher's Kitchen

TBD

TBD

June 14 - 15, 2024

## TREASURER'S REPORT: April 2024 – Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

### HERITAGE HILL TREASURER'S REPORT May 2024

#### Financial Statement: May 1, 2024

<u>Internal Accounts</u>		<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$99,687.19	General Fund	\$17,945.66	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund	\$144,442.57	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$4,801.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund	<b>\$162,388.23</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$3,191.88	Insurance Premium Fund		
<b>\$162,388.23</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

#### Operating Statement

**\$162,388.23**      **Balance: May 1, 2024**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$ 180.00	Membership Dues	(\$869.12)	Farming Expense
\$ 109.00	Donations	(\$125.00)	Fuel Purchase
\$ 13,232.60	Grain Sales	(\$181.53)	Equipment Repair
\$ 84.24	Interest Paid	(\$845.00)	General Liability Insurance
<b>\$13,605.84</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$90.00)</b>	Property Taxes

(\$130.18)	Miscellaneous
(\$2,780.01)	Threshing Show Prep
(\$24,000.00)	Equipment Purchase
(\$5.45)	Office Expense
(\$111.93)	Electric
(\$450.00)	Grounds Event Expenses
<b>(\$29,588.22)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**\$146,405.85      Balance: May 31, 2024**

**Financial Statement: May 31, 2024**

**Internal Accounts**

\$85,418.93	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$3,931.88	Farming Fund
\$49,840.16	Insurance Claim Fund
\$2,346.88	Insurance Premium Fund
<b>\$146,405.85</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**Depository Accounts**

\$1,979.04	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$144,426.81	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
<b>\$146,405.85</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Grant Schmiege- Acting Secretary**

President Schmiege called the meeting to order on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Schmiege presented the minutes from the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. M/S/P Lagred/Hamman  
Treasurer Peterson presented the Treasurers Report. M/S/P Lagred/L. Ashling

**HELP NEEDED:**

1. Our show is quickly approaching, and we are looking for volunteer(s) to help with registration in the Ost building. If you can commit to even an hour or two, it would help greatly. It would be working with tractor registration as they arrive on the grounds, selling raffle tickets, and selling pedal pull tractor raffle tickets. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Grant Schmiege or Liz Peterson.
2. Knutsons are looking for a few extra hands during the lunch rush on Saturday to help wipe down tables. If you can help for a bit, please reach out so we can communicate with them.

**SHOW NEEDS:**

1. We are looking for people who want to display farm toy/model collections in the toy building. If you are interested, please contact a board member.
2. There is a list of projects (both small and large) that need to be completed before the show. If you are able to help out in any way, please reach out to Grant Schmiege or Joe Schumacher.

- Insurance Update: We were able to secure general liability insurance and it has been put in place and is ready to go!
- Equipment purchase: We were able to purchase a skid from Arnolds in Willmar. It is a 2007 with about 2600 hours on it. Arnolds was also gracious enough to donate a set of pallet forks to go with it. Many thanks to Chip

Grube for taking the time to research it, physically going to look at it, completing the purchase, and hauling it back to the grounds! It's already been put to work for a few projects.

- Miscellaneous: Aj Burgi has found a lot of different news articles of Heritage Hill, spray paints, used oils, etc. as he was getting set up. If anyone is interested in any of these items, please visit the Ost building during the show.
- Blacksmith Shop: There was an offer on the lathe for \$100. We are looking for a motion to accept the offer. M/S/P Fjerkenstad/Burgi
- Erwin Winter: Erwin was a huge part of our show for many years. He passed away May 6<sup>th</sup>. Blessed be his memory.
- Farming: Oats and wheat have been planted and are growing nicely. Thank you to the crew that has taken the time to get that done!
- The Oiler: Heritage Hill hosted the first "The Oiler" gathering. There was a great turn out! It was estimated about 35 people in attendance and a total of 84 engines on display. Many engines arrived along with new faces on our show grounds. We got a lot of compliments about the place and had a great time visiting with everyone that came. Thank you, Troy Wegner, for organizing this event and congratulations on starting something new!
- Prony Brake Update: It has been delivered to the showgrounds thanks to Daniel Lee. We are needing to find a permanent spot for it.
- Board Update: Due to medical reasons, L. Ashling is needing to step down effective immediately. Due to the special circumstances, the board elected Elijah Fjerkenstad to fulfill her position for the remainder of her term. Thank you for your dedication to the club, Liz!
- Elections: Elections are coming up this fall. We are encouraging members to step up and get involved in their club. We have a large membership roster with minimal involvement. We currently have an open position of secretary that needs to be filled. We would also like to see a little bit of competition for board positions.
- Display:
  - Titan Machinery is donating a pedal tractor for the raffle and has expressed interest in bringing out some equipment to put on display this year.
  - Ziegler is also donating a pedal tractor for raffle and has expressed interest in bringing out some Massey equipment to display.
- Popcorn Shack: Ashling's have expressed interest in opening up the popcorn shack to sell pre-packaged items out of.
- Kitchen: Knutsons are going to be running the kitchen again this year. They are looking for some extra helping hands during the Saturday lunch rush to help clean tables. If you are able, please let us know so we can communicate with them.
- Grounds use: There are events scheduled for grounds use. Please respect the private parties and avoid use of reserved facilities and keep traffic to a minimum in the respective areas:
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> – Private event utilizing the kitchen.
  - June 14-15<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Days
  - August 28<sup>th</sup> – Private event utilizing the chapel and the kitchen.
  - September 27-29<sup>th</sup> – Private event
- Blacksmith shop: Update from Elijah: Working on power hammer, made a new anvil stand, he is going to bring numerous items to the bvlacksmith shop, including a Keller No. 5 power hack saw.
- Registration: we absolutely need someone for tractor registration. If you are willing to help, please contact a board member even if it is for a few hours each day.
- Ballot this fall. We need support from the membership to fill vacant board member positions. It is crucial that we have a full board.
- Richard Emch: Richard expressed his thanks to the new faces and young members of our club.
- Pedal tractor Raffle: we got two donated so the plan is to raffle both off during the kids pedal pull. First prize winner gets the choice between the two.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Lagred/Hamman

## DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: May 6, 2024 – Grant Schmieg, Acting Secretary

Directors Present: Grube, Lagred, Fjerkenstad, Peterson, Schumacher, Schmieg, Miller, Ashling, Hamann.

Secretary Minutes: MSP Grube/Lagred to accept the May 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Peterson read the May 2024 Treasurer's Report. MSP Miller/Lagred to accept the report.

Agenda:

- **2025 show date:** Due to the unique nature of the way June 2025 begins, the board voted to have the 2025 show on June 20-22. Yes, you read that right, 3 day show as well. Being that the third full weekend of June 2025 isn't Father's Day, we decided to bring back the three-day show. MSP Grube/Ashling to hold the 2025 show on June 20-22.
- **Handouts:** The 2025 handouts have been ordered to be handed out at the show. 500 of them came out to \$103.
- **Projects completed:** New water tank by Benson building is full and plumbed up and ready for use, plastic water tank is installed in the fire truck (final touches will be put on that next week), gravity box basketball hoop game is completed and looks AMAZING, outhouse painted (as were a couple children), gravel hauled in, and some others I am forgetting.
- **Projects NEEDING TO BE completed before the show:** T post by blacksmith shop needs to be painted, back garage door on Benson building needs to be painted, Prony brake needs to be set up, buildings cleaned, junk organized/tossed out, lawn mowed, weed whipping, general maintenance on buildings and displays, etc. There will be many people arriving on Wednesday before the show to begin prep. Feel free to come out anytime beforehand.
- **Advertisements:** Radio ads have been setup with KDMA, Montevideo Athletics are interested in having us advertise with them, potentially pursuing that.
- **Tractor Registration:** still need assistance Thursday afternoon-Saturday with tractor registration, please contact myself or Liz Peterson with any availability.
- **Kitchen Help:** our food provider has inquired about having extra help bus tables during the lunch rush on Friday and Saturday. Any help is appreciated!
- **Adjournment:** MSP Lagred/Fjerkenstad





## MONTHLY MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

This month's NEW Member Highlight is all about Matthew Preusser. Matthew is somewhat local coming at us from up in Avon, Minnesota. He has been coming to the Hill for a couple years now and has taken quite the liking to it! This summer he officially became a member of Heritage Hill. He grew up in Avon driving Farmall and Allis Chalmers tractors on the family farm. His father has been a part of the Stearns County Pioneer Club since before Matt was born. Growing up he would attend the annual show in September with his father. This sparked a passion for all things antique! One thing that especially ignited his interest were the big prairie tractors and hit and miss engines. When he turned 12 years old, he started collecting engines. Since then, he has gathered up around 30 engines! Another passion of his is collecting vintage snowmobiles from the late 60's and early 70's. Collecting these began around the same time as the engines but has well surpassed the amount of engines by over double the amount of snowmobiles! Most of the snowmobile collections are Scorpions and Herters.

Matt was introduced to Heritage Hill by one of our straw bosses Scott Vouk. Scott would come down each year and thresh grain, and invited Matt to come check out the Hill. Matt instantly fell in love with the show as he very much enjoys the smaller sized events. One benefit of smaller-sized shows is the personal connection you obtain to everyone involved in the show. He hopes to gain that connection here at Heritage Hill with our other members and help out in any setting possible during the show to help us thrive! The volunteering doesn't stop at the show however, we have many other weekends throughout the year that you can find Matt at lending a helping hand.

If you get the chance to meet Matthew this year remember to ask him about his engines or snowmobiles! You can find him displaying some beautiful hit and miss engines in the Phillips Building.



Above: Matt is pictured on the left.

