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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Greetings from Heritage Hill. Spring has arrived and it is fun to see the landscape become green once again. I hope everybody enjoyed their Easter celebrations and I hope you were able to spend time with family and friends. Activities are resuming once again at Heritage Hill. Thanks are extended to Jim Roe and his crew for cleaning the Hagen House. Due to inadequate snow precipitation this past winter there was much topsoil that blew from the fields on various windy winter days. As with many older homes, the Hagen House is not well sealed. Therefore, unfortunately, the soil tends to blow into the house, mostly around the windows. That was a good project to get accomplished. On Saturday, April 4, the farming crew gathered to seed the wheat. Now all we need is a little rain to pack the soil and get the seed germinating. If the weather conditions should happen to be ideal, the wheat should mature and be harvested early this year. As always time will tell. Plans are in place for the Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Montevideo Xpo trade show at Heritage Hill. The event is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24, 25 and 26. This is the second year that the Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event at Heritage Hill. As with all events, the first time is a learning experience. There will be many tweaks made to the event to help make the weekend bigger and better than last year.

One of my earliest memories of spring was the arrival of the Gurney Seed Catalog. The receipt of this publication in the mail was something everybody in the household treasured. It was a sure indication that winter had ended. Everybody took their turn mulling thorough the pages, determining what new seed might have been developed. The ambitions for a large and bountiful garden increased when viewing the pictures of various fruits and vegetables. The seed potatoes were of high priority as they were needed for planting on Good Friday. At the end of the day, some seeds may have been ordered from Gurney, but most last-minute garden seed was purchased from the local hardware or grocery store seed display.

The pioneer of seed catalogs in the United States is a former American Civil War Lieutenant Colonel by the name of Charles W. Gurney. He opened his first nursery, Hesoerian Nurseries in Monticello, Iowa in 1866. Due to river town economic benefits, Gurney

moved his business in 1897 to Yankton, South Dakota. C.W. Gurney's seven sons were very involved in the family seed business, and in 1906, C.W. Gurney and his sons, and one nephew, had the nursery incorporated as Gurney's Seed and Nursery Company. The company started listing products on a generic price list for mailing purposes, until 1910, when Gurney's published its first large seed and nursery catalog with a full-color cover. Upon Charles W. Gurney's death in 1913, his sons and nephew continued the seed and nursery business. In 1919, Deloss Butler Gurney, one of the Colonel's sons, became CEO. The company diversified and grew quickly. By 1924, the Gurney seed house was one of the largest in the world, receiving orders from 46 of the 48 states and many foreign countries. In 1925, John Chandler Gurney, Deloss Butler's son, made a name for himself as a radio announcer and programmer for the Yankton radio station WNAX. In 1927, John Chandler "Chan" Gurney convinced his father to buy the radio station, which became known as "WNAX - Voice of the House of Gurney in Yankton." The station was used to promote Gurney products and services, making Gurney's a household name in. the early 1930s, the large Gurney's seed house and storefront became one of Yankton's first shopping centers, housing a retail greenhouse, a barber, a grocery store, a jeweler, a medicine store and a restaurant/hotel. These products and services were all promoted by Chan at WNAX. Today the same radio station, WNAX continues to be located in Yankton. The radio station is well known as a voice of modern agriculture and is found on 570 am. The company also experiment in the fuel industry in the 1940s



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and, later, it was active in the home front war effort during World War II. D.B. Gurney died in 1943, but the business sustained. D.B.'s son, John Chandler Gurney, became involved in politics, and served as a U.S. Senator for the state of South Dakota from 1939 to 1951. In 2001, Gurney's was acquired by Gardens Alive! when then parent company Foster & Gallagher went bankrupt.

Finally, I would like to extend sympathy to Ramona Bangsund and family on the loss of her husband LuVerne. LuVerne was a lifetime member and currently serving as a director of Heritage Hill. LuVerne took a very active role at Heritage Hill and was always willing to assist when and where needed. In addition he took a very active role in his church and community. He will be dearly missed by many.

As always, I hope to see you at the next membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 in the Threshers' Kitchen at Heritage Hill.

Thank you, Wesley Thompson, President

Website; We now have the ability to change the postings on our website ourselves however only if we are aware of the news or event. Our policy on death notices is that only members & spouses will be published. Contacts for publication are Gerald Kleenegkleene@hcinet.net 320-894-9149 or Chip Grube chipgrube@yahoo.com 320-815-5791. Visit the website often for daily changes.

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MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Clean up days Church - School - House 9AM
Heritage Hill Membership Meeting – Heritage Hill
Servers: Doug and Marilyn Norman, Phillip Thissen, Gerald Loe
Heritage Hill Directors' Meeting – Heritage Hill
Montevideo Xpo – Heritage Hill

Thursday April 16 Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Thursday, May 7, 2015 April 24, 25 & 26, 2015

DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: April 9, 2015 Marlys Heath, Secretary

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

Quorum: *Present* – Thompson, Hegna, Bergquist, Heath, Molde, Grube, Kleene, Kanten, Roe *Guests: 4* Vice-President Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Heath read the March 5, 2015 meeting minutes M/S/P Grube/Bergquist to approve the minutes Treasurer Bergquist gave the March 2015 financial report M/S/P Hegna/Molde to approve the report

- The meeting was opened with a time of memory for LuVerne Bangsund. Thompson shared some information about LuVerne and we had a moment of silence.. He will be greatly missed by HH.
- **Web Site**: The payment made in March for the web site service included the set up fee and a fee to obtain the domain name for ten years. In the future the cost will be \$180.00 per year.
- **IRS 990:** The IRS 990 report has been completed and reviewed. It is reported on the internet if anyone is interested in reading the full report. M/S/P Bergquist/Roe to accept the report.
- Audit: The audit committee will be completing the audit in the near future.
- **Box Car**: Lowell Anderson from Clara City wanted to donate a rail road box car to HH. M/S/P Molde/Hegna to decline the donation.
- Wheat: Hegna reported that most of the wheat has been seeded. The tractor needed some repairs.
 Mick Sellman will inspect the leak problem and repairs will be made as needed.
- Fire Extinguishers: Mick Sellman will inspect all the fire extinguishers located in the buildings at HH.
- Outside Venders: Kanten reported on the complaints and declining interest from the outside venders during the Threshing Show. Most of the venders are unhappy with the lack of public exposure in the area which has been assigned for them in the past years. M/S/P Kleene/Bergquist to relocate the venders to the area parallel to County Road 7 starting across from the Thresher's Kitchen and the outside venders would not be charged a venders fee but would have to purchase a 3 day pass for each person.
- XPO: John Moon and Co will be selling food in the Threshers Kitchen. The HH bake sale and raffle sales will be held in the kitchen also. Portable heaters will be put in the Ost and Chippewa Buildings.
- Bake Sale: Members are asked to bring baked goods during all three days of the sale in order to have fresh items to sell each day. Signs will be made and distributed to the local communities prior to the sale.
- **Shingle Mill**: The blade needs to be sharpened and a suggestion was made to purchase a new blade to have as a spare in order to keep the mill running during the Threshing Show. M/S/P Bergquist/Grube to budget \$700.00 for the purchase of a new blade.
- Lawn Mower Pull: A contract needs to be signed with Sneaky Pete Pullers before any further plans can be made. The Directors will be obtaining sponsorships after the contract is signed.
- **Open Directors Position**: The bylaws authorize the directors to appoint someone to fill the vacancy until the end of the year. The appointment will be made during the May directors meeting.
- Rental of Land: Richard Oleson has agreed to rent the parcel of land on the east side of the show site for the charge of \$1.00 for additional space during the Threshing Show. Les will prepare a contract protecting Richard & Barb of any liabilities.
- Steam Engine: M/S/P Bergquist/Hegna to contract the steam engine for the 2015 Threshing Show
- Work Days: Tuesday, April 14-- Fold and prepare newsletters for mailing at 9:00 AM. Following the newsletters a work crew will be completing the inside walls of the Chippewa Building and also cleaning out the buildings to prepare for the XPO. Thursday, April 16--- A crew of ladies and men are needed to do house cleaning in the Hagen House, the Church, and the School. The log cabin also needs to be cleaned up before a group of ladies tour the buildings on April 26th. The Log Cabin also needs some repairs which will be added to Jim Wik's work list All work time starts at 9 AM
- **Storage Building**: The former General Store is being converted to a storage space for the Thresher's Kitchen supplies. Chet Beavers and Glen Hilden are in charge of replacing the siding, roof and finishing the inside. The clothing sales will be moved to the Ost Building during the Threshing Show
- Beer Sales: A discussion was held about adding beer sales on the grounds during the tractor and lawn mower pulls. Bergquist researched the cost of insurance and the additional cost would be 1 to 1.5 times what we pay now. The beer sales could be sold by a licensed organization such as VFW or Legion and their insurance would cover the liability. This is only in a discussion stage and will be brought to the membership for planning in future years.
- M/S/P Hegna/Grube to adjourn the meeting.

We are asking for volunteers for Thursday, April 16, to help clean the Church, School and Hagen House. We plan to begin at 9:00 a.m. Lots of willing hands make light work so we ask that you come out to clean, have a little coffee and some fellowship.

Needed, Your tractors for this years threshing show. This year we have no idea how many outside tractors will participate, So as the show draws closer think about bringing multiple tractors regardless of brand.

Coming Event , The Montevideo Expo. Friday, April 24th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.. Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 PM and Sunday 11:00 to 3:00 PM Watch the web for further info on the web

New Director. With the passing of director LuVerne Bangsund the Board of Directors as directed by our constitutional By laws will appoint a director to fill LuVerne's unexpired term. This will happen at the next directors meeting

MEMEBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: March 16, 2015 Marlys Heath, Secretary

President Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Montevideo Community Center Quorum of 40 members present. VP Hegna led the Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Heath read the minutes of the November 2014 Membership meeting. Addition to minutes: The proposed update to the office/general store building should have noted a change in the usage of the building to kitchen storage and moving the clothing sales to another site M/S/P Phillip Thissen/Wilbert Macziewski to approve the minutes

Treasurer Bergquist gave the February 2015 financial report Addition to report: 1612 bushels of soybeans have not been sold at this time. M/S/P Jim Roe/Sally Phillips Helling to approve the report.

- Raffle Tickets: President Thompson reported on selling tickets to anyone below the age of 18. The Minnesota law states that it is illegal to sell tickets for a raffle of a firearm to anyone under the age of 18. The tickets in future years will contain this information. Members selling tickets must be aware of this law. Members wishing to secure tickets to sell should see Ron Molde.
- Cockshutt Meeting: Pres. Thompson and some of the directors attended a meeting of the Cockshutt Collectors in Freeport, MN. Pres. Thompson invited them to the Threshing Show in August 2015 and presented them with show buttons and gave a cup to the President of the club. He also showed them a sample of the show guide and invited their club to submit an article for the 2015 show guide. The Cockshutt collectors will organize their own banquet, which will be held at the VFW Club in Montevideo on Sat. Aug. 22, 2015. The Collectors have requested the use of one of the people movers to transport some of their members to the banquet. They will furnish their own liability insurance, tractor, and escorts.
- XPO: Plans are moving forward for the Montevideo Chamber of Commerce XPO to be held at HH on April 24, 25, and 26, 2015. M/S/P Waunita Kanten/Grace Zeller to approve a bake sale to be held in the Threshers Kitchen during the XPO. HH members are asked to bring baked goods to sell or give a suggested \$20.00 cash donation. The sale of coffee and bars will be decided at the April meeting, after more information is secured about the food vendors. The Chippewa, Ost, Hanson, Threshers Kitchen and the Shelter house will be used during the XPO. The Phillip's building will be used to display John Deere Equipment. A tent may be set up for additional vendors and the outside grounds area will also be used.
- **Circus:** The Montevideo Lions Club will be hosting the Carson Barnes Circus at HH on Sunday, July 19, 2015. Two shows will be presented that day.
- Water Test: Gene Zeller will have the water tested at HH.
- **Show Guide**: All information for the show guide must be submitted by May 29, 2015 to be printed in the 2015 show guide. The guide will be available the first week in July for distribution. The show schedule must be updated and submitted before May 29, 2015. Contact Pat Schmitt or Sally Phillips if interested in advertising or if you know someone else who would like to advertise in the show guide.
- Entertainment for the 2015 Threshing Show: The expense for the blow up children's slides and jump houses will be sponsored by the Prairie's Edge Casino. The Chippewa Country Canine division will present canine demonstrations and a designated time needs to be set for this exhibit.
- **Directors Meeting**: The April Board of Directors Meeting will be on Thursday April 9, 2015 due to Holy Week Maundy Thursday on April 2, 2015
- Queen Candidates: The queen candidate's for 2015/2016 must have their information and letter of introduction submitted by the June 2015 Membership Meeting.
- Tractor Pull: The Tractor Pull will be held on Friday, August 21, 2015. Kyle Ashling has resigned from chairperson for the Lawn Mower Pull, which is held on Saturday Evening during the Threshing Show. Arrangements are being made to contract the Sneaky Pete Pullers from the twin cities area to present the Lawn Mower Pull in 2015. Information can be found on the website www.sneakypetepullers.com. The charge for this group will be \$2000.00. Sponsors will be secured to defray the cost of both the pulls. HH members would still be in charge of the food sales and the gate entrance fees.
- Work Group Coordinator: Jim Wik will be the new chairman for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings.
 Contact Jim Wik if you know of any repairs which are needed and also if you want to help complete the needed projects.
- **Meander**: Bob Christensen reported that HH does not have an artist interested in the site for the meander which is held in October. He would like suggestions for other events to take place at HH during this time.
- **Hagen House**: Jim Roe will coordinate a house cleaning day on Thursday, April 16, 2015. The cleaning will take place all day. Many hands are needed for this project.
- **HH Chapel**: Gerald Loe will be the new chapel coordinator. Gerald is working on having some events planned in the Chapel during the Threshing Show in August.
- **Clothing Sales**: A Coordinator is still needed for the HH clothing and memorabilia sales. Merlyn Hanson has resigned from this position but he will work with the new coordinator to organize the stock on hand. The space for the sales is still in the decision stage.
- M/S/P Merlyn Hanson/Floyd Kanten to adjourn the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: March 2015

Financial Statement: March 1, 2015

Internal Accounts		Investment Accounts			
\$15,300.54	General Fund	\$2,530.86	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking		
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$29,908.29	CAB - Preferred Money Market		
\$3,647.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit		
\$11,212.15	Farming Fund	\$32,439.15	TOTAL		
\$32,439.15	TOTAL	\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank		

Operating Statement

\$32,439.15 Balance: March 1, 2015

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$200.00	Raffle Tickets	(\$303.27)	Electricity
\$40.00	Meeting Lunch Donations	(\$359.91)	Website
\$100.00	Donation	(\$202.30)	Postage/Office Expense
\$473.00	Crop Insurance Claim	(\$1,050.00)	Tractor Pull
\$115.00	Dues/membership	(\$1,915.48)	TOTAL
\$3.94	Interest		
\$931.94	TOTAL	\$31,455.61	Balance: March 31, 2015

Financial Statement: March 31, 2015

Internal Accounts	<u>Investment Accounts</u>				
\$14,317.00	General Fund	\$1,543.51	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking		
\$2,279.07	Building Fund	\$29,912.10	CAB - Preferred Money Market		
\$3,647.39	Chapel Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit		
\$11,212.15	Farming Fund	\$31,455.61	TOTAL		
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Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

Notice from Joyce & Mark Bigaouette

The Monte Expo and our annual BAKE SALE are coming up soon – we will need goodies for three days this year – We should maybe try A-L bring Friday and M-Z Saturday — I will plan to be there 4-6 on Thursday to accept your wonderful goodies and you can bring them all day Friday and Saturday and early Sunday – of course we want to sell out! It is always a joy to see all the wonderful goodies that our generous, creative, talented members come up with – see you at the Expo!

Bake Sale - Suggested Prices - April 2015

Pies (fruit only)	7.00					
Cookies (Plain)	3.50/doz		2.00/half doz			
(frosted/fancy)	4.00/doz		2.50/half doz			
Bread large	3.50	small	2.50			
Dinner Rolls	2.00/doz					
Fancy Breads large	3.50;	medium	3.00; small 2.50			
Flatbread	4.00/doz					
Sweet rolls	4.00/half doz		(.75 each)			
Krumkake	5.00/doz		3.00/half doz			
Buns/muffins	3.50/doz		2.25/half doz			
Lefse (pkg of 3)	5.00					
Angel Food Cake	5.00					
Cupcakes	5.00/doz		3.00/half doz			
Bundt/Fancy Cake	5.00					
Cake 9 X 13	5.00		9 X 9 3.50			
Bars/donuts	5.00/doz		3.50/half doz			
Rumegrot	4.00/2 cups					
Candy, Popcorn Balls, Caramel popcorn bags, caramel apples,75 each						
Jams/	4.00/pint		3.00/half pint			

Please price in .25 increments - these are suggested only - you can adjust prices for your wonderful creations -

