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PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Hello Heritage Hill Family,

If this winter proved anything, it is that our crew is built tough enough to handle whatever Mother Nature throws our way. The bitter cold gave it its best shot, but here we are, still standing and still turning wrenches. Now the thermometer teasing the 50's almost feels like we skipped ahead on the calendar and landed in early spring. Of course, living where we do, we know better than to trust February sunshine too much. March has a reputation that precedes it. In like a lamb and out like a lion, as the saying goes. One day you are thinking about polishing tractors, the next you are digging out the snowblower again. Time will tell what hand we are dealt this year. Praying for in like a lamb, out like a lamb.



On the home front, I am happy to report solid progress in the garage. The ceiling tin is officially up, which feels like a big milestone. Another day or two of work on the walls and the project should finally be wrapped up. It has been a long road from bare studs to a proper working shop, but progress is progress. I have had a few people helping me along the way, one of them being our very own board member AJ Burgi, and of course my wife Abby. I couldn't have gotten this far without everyone's help! We are truly blessed to have great people in our lives.

Once the garage is complete, my attention is shifting to two Associated gas engines that I am determined to have up and running for the show this year. One of them is a 3 Mule team and the other is a Pony (very similar to a Maytag). With our engine feature being Associated, I have a little extra motivation to get them cleaned up, tuned right, and popping like they should. If anyone feels the urge to come over and tinker on engines, I will gladly accept the help. Payment will be issued in the universal currency of good food, shop talk, and cold drinks.

As always, thank you for being part of what makes Heritage Hill such a great organization. Warmer days and show season will be here before we know it.

See you at the Hill, Grant Schmieg, President

MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – March 1, 2026 at 7:00pm via Zoom
 Membership Meeting –
 Plow Day –
 Christmas Party –
 Heritage Days 2026 – June 19-20, 2026

TREASURER’S REPORT: December 2025 Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

**HERITAGE HILL
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 January 2026**

Financial Statement: January 1, 2026

Internal Accounts

\$106,565.33	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund
\$0.00	Farming Fund
\$0.00	Insurance Premium Fund
\$111,433.33	

Depository Accounts

\$1,329.84	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$110,103.49	MinnWest Bank - Savings
\$111,433.33	TOTAL

Operating Statement

\$111,433.33 Balance: January 1, 2026

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
\$22,436.36	Crop Sales	(\$1,029.02)	Equipment Repair
\$213.81	Miscellaneous Christmas	(\$394.26)	Office Expense
\$364.00	Party	(\$217.50)	Electricity
\$46.62	Interest	(\$726.19)	Christmas Party
\$23,060.79	TOTAL	(\$2,366.97)	TOTAL

\$132,127.15 Balance: January 31, 2026

Financial Statement: January 31, 2026

Internal Accounts

\$89,077.34	General Fund
\$4,868.00	Chapel Fund

Depository Accounts

\$2,009.04	MinnWest Bank - Checking
\$130,150.11	MinnWest Bank - Savings

\$22,000.00	Farming Fund	\$132,159.15	TOTAL
\$16,213.81	Insurance Premium Fund		
\$132,159.15	TOTAL		

Elizabeth Peterson, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:

None to report.

DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES: Abby Schmieg, Secretary – 2/1/2026

February 1st, 2026 Heritage Hill Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order Feb 1st, 2026 at 7:00pm by President Schmieg. No pledge was recited due to remote meeting via Zoom.

In attendance: G. Schmieg, E. Peterson, A. Schmieg, J. Schumacher, R. Miller, C. Grube, A. Burgi, J. Lee

Secretary report was given by Abby Schmieg. M/S/P - Schumacher/Peterson

Treasurer report was given by Elizabeth Peterson. M/S/P - Burgi/Schumacher

Agenda:

- **Donation Placards:** The rough draft of the donation placards was created by a gentleman from Glencoe, MN. Final design touches are currently being made, and we expect to have a finished product available soon. A compiled list is needed of all items requiring a placard. If you have donated a piece of equipment or are aware of equipment donated by someone else, please notify a board member.
- **Donation Request Form:** A generic donation request form is currently being developed. This form will be sent to various companies that share our passion for preserving history. We are looking for suggestions on businesses or organizations that would be good candidates to receive donation requests.
- **Back to Buttons:** A request was made to bring back the sale of show buttons. Grant Schmieg is working on determining pricing for the buttons.
- **Shingle mill:** John Bangslund has decided to retire from running the shingle mill. We greatly appreciate their many years of dedication. Thank you John. With that, volunteers will be needed to help operate the shingle mill during the upcoming show.
- **Next board meeting:** March 1st 7pm via zoom
- **Adjournment M/S/P:** Peterson/Schumacher

