

Update on New Ulm High School Greenhouse Project

In early June, the Hub Club Greenhouse Committee, along with the Hub Club board, was updated on fundraising for the greenhouse project, along with a progress report. Fundraising application brochures and forms were shared. Jeff Nelson shared information of funds already received and that he was waiting on returned calls.

Also reported was that a concrete slab had been poured on the site to accommodate a greenhouse. The committee had concerns about what was being done in regards to today's new energy systems. After discussion, it was decided to ask for a meeting with school officials. The first meeting, related to greenhouse needs and wishes, was held in mid-June. Some members of the group visited the site. Present were Hub Club representatives Denny Sjogren, Joe Maidl, and Brian Fischer; Supt. Jeff Bertrang, Principal Mark Bergmann, and ag instructors Scott Stuckey and Jeff Nelson. It was suggested that contractors be invited to the site to get estimates on doable energy options.

A second visit to the site of the new high school's greenhouse was held June 22. Present were club reps Schroeder, Fischer, Don Sanderson, and Shannon Hillesheim; along with Principal Bergmann and ag instructor Nelson.

Purpose of the meeting was to invite professional contractors in respective fields to suggest alternative energy options. Contractors Seth Dreckman of JP Plumbing (radiant and geothermal options) and Phillip Lipetsky of Green Energy (solar and wind-generated power) were present. Discussion followed as to leaving the existing poured slab that is supported by concrete piers, or removing the slab and starting over. At that point, the Greenhouse Committee was directed to get estimates for two options—removal and reinstalling the foundation with the appropriate energy options available, or using the existing slab and retrofitting alternative energy options. Those estimates are pending at this time.

A message from our president, Dennis Sjogren

What a busy time summer is for our club! There's the youth dairy show pancake breakfast, volunteers helping at the National Guernsey tour stop at the Fritsches, multiple committee meetings for the District 88 Greenhouse Project, and the upcoming Bavarian Blast and all that it involves.

The Forst and Fluegge families head up Bavarian Blast and will welcome any help you can provide. Read all about the volunteer opportunities/times on the next page. We'd appreciate your help as it takes a combined effort to make the food stand run smoothly.

Special thanks to Brian Fischer, Joe Maidl, Jeff Nel-

son, Scott Stuckey, Don Sanderson, Shannon Hillesheim, Randy Schroeder, and Mark Bergmann for their greenhouse subcommittee work on the exploration of alternative energy uses.

At our June monthly meeting, Shannon reported that our Farm City Hub Club Farm Show did very well financially. This is extremely important as the Farm Show has been—and will continue to be—our major fund raiser. Thank you so much to Don Sanderson, the Baumanns, Jenny Eckstein, and the dozens of volunteers who made the event so successful.

Denny

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...

Read the information on the next page about Bavarian Blast and call Beth to volunteer! We will NOT mail separate letters to ask for help.

THIS IS OUR ONE REQUEST. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

This is a major fundraiser for our club and we need YOUR help!

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Calling all members... Help needed for Bavarian Blast

It's one of the most wonderful times of the year! Bavarian Blast is right around the corner and the Bavarian Blast Board—consisting of Alma & Jerome Forst, Jim Forst, Beth & Kevin Fluegge, and Rick and Beth Altmann—has some wonderful things planned.

To make the Bavarian Blast food stand as successful as possible, we are calling all members to please lend a hand and a smile by taking a shift or two. The Nicollet County Pork Producers will again help the Hub Club, as will the 4-H club by serving ice cream and root beer floats.

All Hub Club, pork producer, and 4H workers will need a wristband. They'll be the same color for the entire festival. Please keep your wristband intact for your shift(s). Pick up for wristbands will be just north of the gates at the fairgrounds.

People with long hair will have to have it tied back or up. *New this year:* cashiers must be 21 years of age older.

Here is the schedule of events for the week of Bavarian Blast...

- **Tuesday, July 12—9:00 a.m.** Cook potatoes at St. George Parish Hall. Four workers needed—and a few strong young men to lift the heavy pots would be appreciated.

- **Tuesday, July 12—5:00 p.m.** Many volunteers are needed to peel potatoes—the more the merrier! Supper will be provided for volunteers.

- **Wednesday, July 13—9:00 a.m.** Cooking sauerkraut at St. George. Call Alma at 359-9039 if you can help.

- **Thursday, July 14—10:00 a.m.,** Set up out-

door kitchen at the fest grounds. Come and go as schedule allows. If you can volunteer an SUV or truck to haul dishes and other items from the storage unit, please let Beth know.

- **Thursday, July 14—5:00 p.m. to close.** Opening night of Bavarian Blast: SHIFT IS FULL

- **Friday, July 15; Saturday, July 16; & Sunday, July 17—**three days of fun at Bavarian Blast!

Three shifts each day—Six workers needed for each; please sign up for one or more:

10:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m

2:45-7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. until closing

For each shift worked, volunteers will receive a free meal—a sandwich, a side, and a beverage.

- **Monday, July 18—10:30 a.m.** Eight volunteers needed for tear down (come and go as needed). SUVs and trucks to haul items back to storage appreciated.

TO VOLUNTEER for a time or shift,

PLEASE CONTACT BETH FLUEGGE

Home: 507-359-2260. Please leave a message and be aware that children may answer the phone. Be patient; leave your name and number.

Beth's Cell: 507-993-5195. Call, voicemail, or text.

Beth's email: kdfluegge@nutelecom.net or, if you have Facebook, contact her there.

If you want to work back-to-back shifts, please indicate when you contact Beth.



Hub Club Members assisted when national Guernsey breeders visited Fritsche Farm



Club members Michele Schroeder, John Fluegge, Gene Slettedahl, and Don Sanderson were on hand to help out when 150 Guernsey breeders from across the country visited the Paul and Arlon Fritsche farm west of New Ulm Saturday, June 25. The guests arrived on three coach buses and enjoyed touring the farm before sitting down to a steak dinner grilled by the Redwood County Cattlemen. The rest of the meal was catered. Club members kept the food line supplied and poured lemonade. Don was a popular person when he went around to offer seconds on cookies.

Two farm events on July 23

The Hub Club pancake grills will be put to use Saturday, July 23 when the Nicollet County Farm Bureau holds its annual Breakfast on the Farm at Johnson Hall on the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter. Hours are 7:00-10:00 a.m. A free will offering will be accepted for the pancake, sausage and egg breakfast. Ag displays and animals will be on hand.

That same day—just a little later—an open house will be held at the Beranek Brothers dairy farm, a mile east of St. George on the Fort Road, in conjunction with the Minnesota Holstein Association Field Day. Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will include a judging contest, farm transition speaker, and a pork burger lunch grilled by the Nicollet County Pork Producers.

Both events are open to the public.

Upcoming Events

- July Meeting—Tues., Jul. 5, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Potato cooking and peeling for Bavarian Blast—Tues., Jul. 12, 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
- Set up Bavarian Blast Food Stand—Thurs., Jul. 14, 10 a.m.
- Bavarian Blast Food Stand—Fri.-Sun., Jul. 15 -17, three shifts each day
- Clean-up after Bavarian Blast, Mon., Jul. 18, 10:30 a.m.
- No August Meeting
- Sept. Meeting—Tues., Sept. 6, 5:15 p.m., UMMC



Hub Club Pancake Breakfast at June 11 Youth Dairy Show



Del Fischer, Jr., Delmar Ranweiler, and Harold Remme grilled while Gene Slettedahl, Kevin Yager, Denny and Deanna Sjogren, and Mariah Vogel served.



Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016; Upper Midwest Management

The June 7, 2016 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Denny Sjogren at 5:51 p.m., following a Greenhouse Committee meeting. Also in attendance were vice president Brian Fischer, treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, membership chair Randy Schroeder, Don Sanderson, Doug Schottle, and Joe Maidl.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Schroeder and second by Fischer. The minutes of the May meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Sanderson and second by Maidl. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$26,356.89. Klossner motioned and Schroeder seconded approval of the treasurer's report; motion carried. Hillesheim also presented a recap of the Farm Show, showing \$25,119 in income and \$10,494.43 in expenses, for a net income of \$14,624.57.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported 136 members at that point.

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that new farm safety billboards are up.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Media Committee. Fischer reported that observations indicate that the club's web page needs to be updated. Sanderson motioned and Maidl seconded that the Social Media Committee be charged with updating the web page to be current and relevant; motion carried. Fischer motioned and Sanderson seconded that the club accept the levels of authority for reviewing postings, as presented in the notes from the committee's May 23 meeting;

motion carried. The levels are: first step, committee approval; second step, administrator approval; and third level, Hub Club board approval.

NUHS Greenhouse Project. The committee met prior to the board meeting and expressed concerns about the cement pad. Sjogren will ask for a meeting with Supt. Jeff Bertrang.

Landscaping Club Sign. No action.

Cash Wise Brat Stand. The club made \$296.88 plus \$56.37 in tips on a COLD weekend. Plans are to do it again in the future.

National Guernsey Convention visit to Fritsche Farm. An additional volunteer is needed; an email will be sent to members.

Club A-Frame Signs. The signs were made at Printwear Graphics and picked up before the meeting; they will be used at the Hub Club Breakfast June 11.

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Show Committee Structure. Tabled to July.

Organizational Structure. Tabled to September meeting.

Bavarian Blast, Friday-Sunday, July 15-17. Information will be in the July newsletter. Volunteers will be asked to sign up then. (PLEASE VOLUNTEER)

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion by Maidl and second by Fischer.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 5 at 5:15 p.m. at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary