



Hub Club to work brat stand

The Hub Club has been assigned its first choice of work dates—Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23—for the Cash Wise brat stand.

Past experience shows that three volunteers on each shift works best. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts each day.

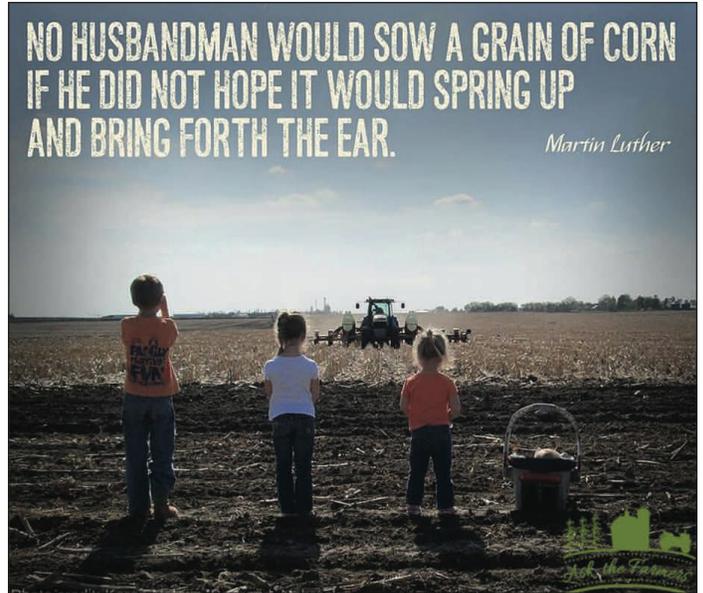
Those willing to work one of the shifts are asked to email Denny Sjogren their choice of work times. Email him at Sjogren8519@gmail.com. If you'd rather call by phone, please keep trying until you reach Denny at 507-276-6830.

Final Call for Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2018 Hub Club dues, they are \$25 for the year, payable to New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club.

Dues can be mailed to:
Randy Schroeder, 33763 327th Ave.
Morgan, MN 56266

Or they may be dropped off at the downtown location of Frandsen Bank & Trust, New Ulm, to Randy's attention.



Coffee pot & banners still missing

The Hub Club bought a new 100-cup coffee pot not long ago...but it couldn't be found when it was needed for the Farm Show. Also missing is a gold plastic Hub Club banner and another purple banner.

We're wondering if someone used one or more of these items and just hasn't gotten around to putting them back in the club's storage unit.

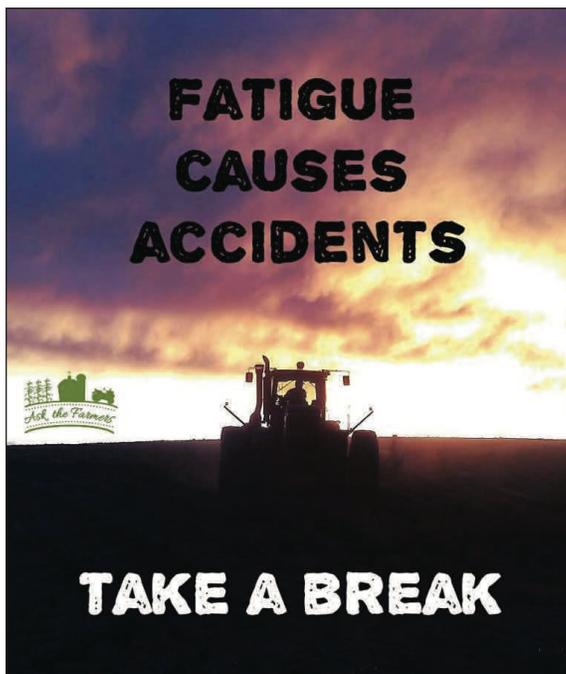
If you have any Hub Club items, please contact president Beth Fluegge so we can get everything back where it can be found.

Six Hub Club Scholarships to be awarded at awards programs

Six \$850 Hub Club scholarships will be awarded at high school awards programs in the next few weeks. The recipients will be introduced in the June newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- May Meeting—Tuesday, May 1, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- FFA Banquet—Sunday, May 6, New Ulm High School, 6:30 p.m.
- June Meeting—Tuesday, June 5, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Southern MN Youth Dairy Show & Pancake Breakfast—Sat., June 16
- Cash Wise Brat Stand—Friday-Saturday, June 22-23
- July Meeting—Tuesday, July 3, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Bavarian Blast Food Stand—Thursday-Sunday, July 19-22



Contact information for 2017 Hub Club Officers & Directors

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Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 4, 2018; UMMC

The April board meeting of the Farm City Hub Club was delayed one day by bad weather, to Wednesday, April 4. President Beth Fluegge called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. Also in attendance were vice president Christina Schwab, acting treasurer Doug Schottle, secretary Ruth Klossner, and directors Randy Schroeder, Marie Guggisberg, Don Sanderson, and Brian Fischer.

The meeting agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes of the March meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Schroeder and second by Schwab; motion carried. The treasurer's report, presented by Schottle, showed a checking balance of \$41,881.51. Klossner moved and Guggisberg seconded approval; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Randy Schroeder reported that membership is 131 paid members, with a half dozen members who have not paid 2018 dues; a few members have dropped out

Public Relations. Don Sanderson deferred to later on the agenda

Events. It was reported that Del Fischer got the LP tanks/regulators for the pancake grills fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

Farm Show Financials. Sanderson compared the 2018 income and expenses to those for 2017, noting that net profit is about \$15,400, down from last year's highwater mark. A total of 79 vendors occupied 113 booths at the show. Suggestions were made on ways to increase publicity next year.

Ag Day Parade Report. The parade was delayed two days by bad weather but still drew about 30 units.

Ag Book Donations. Fluegge reported that the books

will be distributed soon.

Request to use Hub Club Grills. Fluegge reported that she is waiting for a response on whether a Hub Club member would be willing to be in charge.

NEW BUSINESS

FFA & 4-H Donations. Guggisberg motioned and Schroeder seconded that the club donate \$750 each to the New Ulm FFA chapter, Nicollet County 4-H Federation, and Brown County 4-H Federation; motion carried.

Hub Club Scholarships. Will act on next month after the committee reports on applicants.

Storage Unit Cleaning. Bavarian Blast supplies have been cleaned out. A day will be scheduled when those in charge of the Farm Show and the pancake breakfasts can go through the rest of the items.

Brown County Fair Donation Request. Klossner motioned and Schottle seconded donating \$100 to the fair; motion carried.

Bylaw Revisions. Sanderson motioned and Schwab seconded that the revised bylaws be taken to Mary Kay Mages for final work; motion carried.

New Activities. Sanderson encouraged board members to think of a third revenue source (in addition to the Farm Show and Bavarian Blast). Fischer suggested that the club do some type of field day on the farm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. on a motion by Sanderson and second by Fischer.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 1 at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

Hub Club Shirts available to members

If you're a new (or continuing) Hub Club member and haven't yet gotten a free purple Hub Club shirt, please stop

by Frandsen Bank in New Ulm and ask to see Randy Schroeder. Randy has shirts available in a variety of sizes.

A message from our president, Beth Fluegge

This spring is one for the record books for certain! With what seemed to be a six-month winter, we are finally ready for spring. It will be a later planting season for every farmer and gardener, and we will be even more grateful when the warm summer sun finally arrives.

Generally, May is a light month for The Hub Club, and this year is no different. But—we have to start planning for summer activities. We will again have a Cash Wise Brat Stand, headed by Denny Sjogren, on June 23-24. Sign-up info is on page 1.

Then, shortly after, we will change gears and focus on Bavarian Blast, July 19-22. The Nicollet Co Pork Producers will contribute to our workforce and will man the grills again. We are working on worker shifts and details; our committee

is always open to suggestions. If you would like to be on the Bavarian Blast planning committee, contact me or my husband, Kevin. We'd love to have your help, expertise, and opinion.

The board is also looking for alternative fundraising opportunities and community activities for the club. We have the very successful Farm Show, the brat stand, and Bavarian Blast. We are reaching out for ideas and suggestions on what we can do as a club in our community—not only to raise money, but to promote ag, promote area businesses, and contribute to future leaders in the New Ulm area. Bring your ideas to the May 1 meeting and we will get you on the agenda.

Spring is finally here, Enjoy it!

Beth

2.2 million farms

dot America's rural landscape.

About 97% of US farms are operated by families ---

individuals, family partnerships or family corporations.



Meet Your Hub Club Board Member: 2nd VP Christina Schwab

Name and Family: Christina Schwab; husband Randy; children, Karli, 9 and Thayne, 6.

How long Hub Club Member: About 12 years.

Offices Held (past and present): Five years as membership chair before board was restructured. Currently second vice president.

Job Title: Owner of Inspired, downtown New Ulm

Hometown: Lambertson.

College and Degree: Graduate of Red Rock Central, 1999; graduate of SMSU with degree in ag-business & business administration, concentration in finance, 2003.

Most Influential person from childhood: My parents. Growing up on a farm, I learned the value of hard-work, determination, and independence. Despite the long hours they worked, there was always time for family. Often after church on Sundays, if we weren't

visiting family friends, we would go to Pipestone National Park, Redwood Falls, Flandrau, or any area park to hike and picnic.

Favorite time of year: Fall, without a doubt! I love how busy it is, along with the beautiful colors!

Favorite Hobbies: Between work and kids' activities, there isn't a lot of free time, but I enjoy being outside, hiking & running.

Other organizations involved in: Member of Oakwood United Methodist church; coach for Girls on the Run, a running program for third thru fifth grade girls to teach them confidence, the role of teams & healthy relationships, goal setting, and how they can positively shape the world.

