

Construction of ISD #88 Greenhouse underway

If you're driving around New Ulm and look at the northwest corner of the new high school, you will get a glimpse of the greenhouse that's being erected at the school. When making a site visit recently, I noticed that the main frame was all constructed and the installation crew was starting wall bracing for the wall panels.

The greenhouse structure measures approximately 48 feet long and 30 feet wide, sitting on a slab with outside measurements of 48 feet 10 inches by 31 feet wide. It is a post and beam construction. The layout suggests a double wide with a single entry into the structure. Three large louvers and two exhaust fans will be installed on the cable outside walls. This structure is designed to be conditioned for all four seasons. Mechanical provisions have been provided for forced air furnace heating, running water, and electrical needs. At present, no other energy options have been implemented, but they were mentioned in earlier estimates as options; those specs have been put on file for future use.

Continued fundraising for the greenhouse project is needed for interior lights and operation needs (hydroponic units, crop trial research equipment, and genetic propagation materials, etc.), along with renewable energy teaching resources such as solar



panels and a wind turbine. Through them, students can learn cutting edge technology and the greenhouse would truly operate through "green" energy!

The school is thankful for the anonymous, personal, and corporate sponsors and will recognize contributions of various donation levels publicly in the future.

If you are interested in making a personal, business, or corporate pledge to the Greenhouse Project Fund, please feel free to contact Jeff Nelson, High School Agriculture Instructor at 507-383-4173.

The greenhouse is the result of a great opportunity that was presented to our Farm-City Hub Club about a year ago. Partnering with the school district for funding allowed this structure to be erected in time for the 2016-2017 school year. Thanks to the committee, ag instructors, and school administrators for their time and understanding. The process of meetings, discussions, and group decisions led to a good outcome for the effort and one that will benefit area school kids for the future.

Brian Fischer
Hub Club Vice President

Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Sept. Meeting—Tues., Sept. 6, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Oct. Meeting—Tues., Oct. 4, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Antique Tractor Plowing—Sat., Sept. 10, Noon
- Day of Caring Breakfast—Sat., October 10

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Club member and Bavarian Blast organizer Jerome Forst passes



Hub Club member and Bavarian Blast food stand co-organizer Jerome Forst passed away Friday, August 19.

Jerome was a kind man with a heart of gold. He will truly be missed in the community and especially at Bavarian Blast—no one could make pork schnitzel like Jerome!

He—along his wife Alma—devoted so many hours and planning to Hub Club events—always with a smile, a chuckle and hard work ethic. He stuck it out to the very end.

They definitely don't make them like they used to! Rest in God's gentle arms, good friend.

Bavarian Blast Committee

Tractor Plowing scheduled

Kevin & Beth Fuegge invite you to their farm for the Annual Fall Tractor Plowing Saturday, September 10, beginning at noon. Burgers, chips & bean will be served during the plow. Questions? Call 507-993-5195 or 276-4520.

Day of Caring Breakfast

The Day of Caring Breakfast—that the Hub Club serves—will be Saturday, October 10, most likely at the Jefferson Elementary Cafeteria. Volunteers will be needed to make and serve the breakfast.

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2016; Upper Midwest Management

The missing notes from the July 5 meeting have been located, but are sketchy. The secretary has attempted to compile them from the notes taken by the member who was filling in.

The July 5, 2016 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Denny Sjogren. Attendance was not recorded.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Brian Fischer and second by Doug Schottle. The minutes of the June meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Schottle and second by Don Sanderson. The treasurer's report was presented by Schottle. Sanderson motioned and Fischer seconded approval of the report; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. No report.

Public Relations. Nothing new.

Events. Beth Fluegge gave an update on Bavarian Blast.
Social Media Committee. Fischer presented an update.

OLD BUSINESS

NUHS Greenhouse Project. Fischer reported on the most recent meeting and that the group is waiting on specs and estimates from contractors.

National Guernsey Convention Meal at Fritsche Farm. About 150 were served. The meal (steaks grilled by the cattlemen and catered extras served by club members) was well-received and appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Show Committee Structure. Additional board members are being sought.

Ads in Journal publications. The group opted not to advertise in the Journal's Brown County Fair tab or Century Farm Magazine (which will not be distributed to subscribers). The meeting was adjourned.

No meeting was held in August.