

To Whom This May Concern:

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Prairie Winds and Pioneer Power Association of Hampden, North Dakota couldn't be happier after the auction sale of our accumulated engines, tractors, vehicles, antique farm equipment and even buildings. The decision to have the auction was extremely difficult after 15 years of annual shows. When the horrible Father's Day storm of 2005 ripped through the Prairie Winds farmstead and show-grounds the club directors had many, many meetings with lengthy discussions of what to do!? We had tried to have the engines appraised with no avail. Prairie Winds owned too many items of value to allow them to just sit and rust away. Our membership was dwindling as members aged and few younger people with the "old iron" interest. Finally, in December of 2009 the motion was made to have an auction sale. Immediately there was discussion of which auctioneer we should hire. Right away one of the directors said "there is a woman in Minnesota that is REALLY something....she knows what this old stuff is worth"! Two of the directors had attended a couple of auctions where Yvette Vanderbrink had been the auctioneer and felt we definitely needed to contact her. We called her during our meeting and arranged a date to meet with her in Hampden. Last February Yvette drove 7 hours from Hardwick Mn to Hampden ND to visit with several of the Prairie Winds directors and see what Prairie Winds farm looked like and what we had to sell. We were so very impressed with Yvette's knowledge of antique machinery and it's worth. We confirmed the sale that day! Even the date was narrowed down – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Since Prairie Winds and Pioneer Power Association has a Non-Profit Status we wanted to everything just right. Yvette knew all the details and the correct procedure.

Yvette made another trip to Hampden the end of March when she spent the entire day (along with two PW directors) doing the inventory. She wrote down every item on her legal pad, marked the item, and tagged it – she knows her stuff!

June and July were busy days for Prairie Winds members. When VanDerBrink Auctions rolled into Hampden a few days prior to the sale we were ready to line up all of the tractors, autos, engines, equipment and parts, plus all of the miscellaneous items.

We were so very pleased with the advertising. VanDerBrink Auctions advertising is second to none! The advertising was listed in the four major antique magazines, the VanDerBrink Auctions site and web links all over the world, newspapers and posters.

The auction on July 24<sup>th</sup> came off without a hitch. VanDerBrink Auctions is a Class A operation! The sale was handled beautifully. The on-line bidding was exceptional. Prairie Winds was very pleased with the revenue outcome. All of the sales were handled in a timely manner which included titles, etc. Prairie Winds and Pioneer Power Association is thrilled to have the association with Yvette and her crew. AND perhaps – someday – have another sale of more of the PW members collectibles.

Thank you, Yvette, for gratifying Prairie Winds decision to liquidate. We couldn't have done it without you.

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