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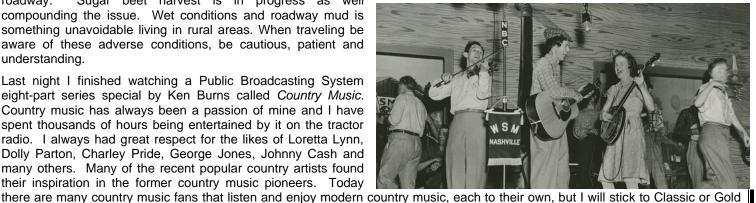
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#### PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF THE HILL ADDRESS:

Fall is here and with it comes much activity on area farms and highways. This fall looks to be a challenge for all as farmers deal with wet and soft fields....again. Motorists may encounter mud-tracked roadways as well. A few days ago I traveled past a field where a field was being opened for chopping silage. The tires on the equipment were solid mud and the highway was equally as muddy where the trucks had exited the field. It was encouraging to see the producer on the highway with scrapers doing their best to remove the mud and keep the highways safe. Even with those efforts there was still considerable accumulation of soil on the

Sugar beet harvest is in progress as well compounding the issue. Wet conditions and roadway mud is something unavoidable living in rural areas. When traveling be aware of these adverse conditions, be cautious, patient and understanding.

Last night I finished watching a Public Broadcasting System eight-part series special by Ken Burns called Country Music. Country music has always been a passion of mine and I have spent thousands of hours being entertained by it on the tractor radio. I always had great respect for the likes of Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, Charley Pride, George Jones, Johnny Cash and many others. Many of the recent popular country artists found their inspiration in the former country music pioneers. Today





Country....thank you! The Country Music series spent many hours detailing the history and origin of country music, from the impoverished Appalachian Mountain settlers to the black cotton field slaves of the Deep South, and how the music and lyrics all related to rural American people expressing their hardships and telling of their life stories. Several artists got their start on the railroads while many others told of the hard times associated with the Oklahoma dust bowl era. With the start of the Grand Ole Opry, and the simultaneous development and expansion of radio, such as WSM in Nashville, country music became vastly popular, and became available entertainment for many throughout North America, in the early twentieth century. This series was well worth watching.

The October membership meeting is election time at Heritage Hill. Currently a full slate of candidates has been procured. Please plan to attend the meeting and vote. Thanks are extended to all past and current officers and

directors, and to all others who have lent their time and talents serving this great organization.

Planning for the 2020 Threshing Show is progressing. A Threshing Show activity schedule has been outlined thanks to all of the membership input. Soon the proposed schedule will be presented to the approval, possibly as early as October.

Everyone have a safe fall. I hope to see you at the next membership meeting October 15, 7pm.

Chip Grube, President

#### **MEETING NOTICES & COMING EVENTS**

Membership Meeting Servers for September: Board Meeting Membership Christmas Party Heritage Hill 2020 Threshing Show Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm @ Heritage Hill – **ELECTION NITE** Sally Phillips Heiling & Jim Roe Sunday, November 3, 7:00 pm @ Heritage Hill Saturday, December 14, 6:00 pm June 19 - 20, 2020

**LOST and FOUND** – One man's jean jacket and one women's jean jacket have been hanging in the Threshers' Kitchen for over a year, both 2X sized. Please claim by contacting one of the directors by October 15. After that date the jackets will be donated to a good cause.

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: September 17, 2019 — Galen Rud, Secretary

President Grube called the meeting to order @ 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in the Heritage Hill Threshers' Kitchen. Quorum: 34 members present.

Secretary Galen Rud presented the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Membership Meeting. M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Douglas Norman to approve the minutes.

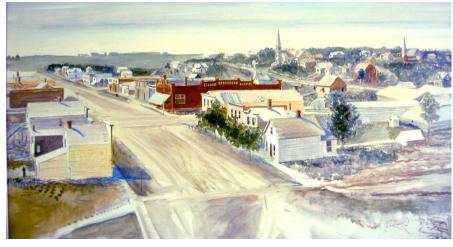
Treasurer Leslie Bergquist presented the August Treasurer's Report. M/S/P Gerald Kleene/Stephen Coon to approve the report.

- **Merchandise:** Inventory has been reduced and additional stock is needed including caps and shirts. M/S/P Leslie Bergquist/Marlys Heath to approve a budget of \$1,500 to purchase merchandise inventory.
- Bleachers: M/S/P Stephen Coon/Leslie Bergquist to budget \$2,000 for the repair of bleachers.
- **Elections:** Officer and director elections are scheduled for the October 15 membership meeting. A nominee for secretary is still needed.
- Show Schedule: The 2020 Threshing Show schedule is in process of being finalized. Any suggestions for the forthcoming show are to be submitted to the board of directors for consideration.
- Meetings: See Meeting Notices and Coming Events in this newsletter.
- Food Shelf: M/S/P Orlynn Hegna/Curtis Berg to donate part of the 2019 church offer to the Chippewa County Food Shelf for a total donation of \$250.
- Adjournment: M/S/P Kyle Ashling/Curtis Berg to adjourn the meeting.

# **DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES: October 6, 2019 – Not Available**

## **EXTRAS:** Milan Name Origin

There have been several different tales told for the origin of the name "Milan" Minnesota. One tale tells of two early settlers meeting from time to time to exchange friendly greetings. One day their conversation drifted as to the ownership of the land. One of the gentlemen remarked, "Why, you know this is my land." Rather shocked, the friend replied, "Why, I know you are mistaken, because this is my land, I came here first." Considerable arguments followed for quite some time and finally the two men decided to compromise by



starting a village and naming it Milan. Milan, a city in Kragero Township, was settled in 1870, was laid out as a village in 1880 by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, was platted December 1, 1880, and was incorporated February 23, 1893. This name of the great city in northern Italy is borne also by villages in twelve other states of our Union. Thorbjorn Anderson provided postal service beginning in 1879 at his Anderson Department Store, which was sold to A. Anderson, who enlarged it, claiming it to be the largest between Minneapolis and Aberdeen, South Dakota; in 1891 Thorbjorn Anderson established the bank.

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# **TREASURER'S REPORT: September 2019**

#### Financial Statement: September 1, 2019

Internal Accounts		Depository A	<u>Depository Accounts</u>	
\$20,646.95	General Fund	\$36,239.19	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking	
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$15,950.76	CAB - Preferred Money Market	
\$17,500.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit	
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund	\$52,189.95	TOTAL	
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank	

#### **Operating Statement**

\$52,189.95 Balance: September 1, 2019

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
\$65.00	Donations	(\$278.94)	Advertising
\$260.00	Dues/Memberships	(\$250.00)	Chippewa County Food Shelf
\$40.00	Hook Fees	(\$288.78)	Electricity
\$15.63	Interest	(\$995.00)	Farming
\$81.00	Meeting Lunch Donation	(\$222.08)	Fuel
\$150.00	Sponsorships	(\$55.00)	Office Expense
\$27.00	Threshers' Kitchen	(\$1,000.00)	Raffle - Cash Prizes
\$638.63	TOTAL	(\$64.84)	Repairs
		(\$210.60)	Septic Services
\$49,463.34	Balance: September 30, 2019	(\$3,365.24)	TOTAL

#### Financial Statement: September 30, 2019

Internal Accounts		Depository Accounts	
\$18,915.34	General Fund	\$3,496.95	Citizens Alliance Bank - Checking
\$4,043.00	Chapel Fund	\$45,966.39	CAB - Preferred Money Market
\$16,505.00	Farming Fund	\$0.00	CAB - Certificate of Deposit
\$10,000.00	Insurance Fund	\$49,463.34	TOTAL
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		\$0.00	Loan Balance - Citizens Alliance Bank

#### Leslie K. Bergquist, Treasurer

#### **EXTRAS:** Halloween

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the en d of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits



made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter. To commemorate

the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter. By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the 400 years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain. The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of bobbing for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

# **HH Christmas Dinner and Family Gathering**

Saturday December 14, 2019
Montevideo Community Center
Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00, activities to follow.

#### **Meal:**

Turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert

#### Gift Exchange:

If interested, bring a man or woman wrapped gift - approximately value \$10.

#### **Entertainment:**

- Douglas Ohman Photographer, author, and storyteller. A Christmas Story.
- **Bingo**: Gift cards and various prizes. Donated wrapped prizes or gifts are welcome.

## **Registration:**

- Due: Friday, December 6, 2019
- Cost: \$8 per person
- Send check payable to: Heritage Hill, Post Office Box 226, Montevideo, MN 56265, or deliver at the November 19, 2019, membership meeting.

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