

NEWSLETTER

March 2013

Millburn of Old Mill Creek

H.M.C.A., INC.
38757 N. US Highway 45
Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc.

**THE 2013
MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE HAS
BEGUN.
PLEASE RENEW
YOURS NOW.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER

APRIL 11TH AT 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, 6:00 PM

Come one, come all. The annual meeting and potluck supper will be held Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in Lauren Hall (Millburn Church). Please bring a dish to pass. Encourage your friends to join our historical society and bring them along! Enjoy a presentation from the Waukegan Historical Society called *Jack Benny: From Waukegan to Hollywood*.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 27TH, 2:00 PM

Mark your calendars. The Memorial Day Service at Millburn Cemetery is scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2013, at 2:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair, if needed, and flowers to place on veterans' graves. Cookies and lemonade will be provided after the service.



Hockaday School (Photo, 1887)



Browe School (1894)



Dodge School (about 1890)

Read inside this newsletter about how Millburn Consolidated Community School District 24 was formed from Hockaday, Dodge, Grubb, Waterbury, and Browe Schools almost a century ago.





First, Second, and Third Graders at Millburn School in 1952. There was no Kindergarten.



Grubb School (as it existed in 1966)

MUSEUM HOURS

Martin's General Store Museum is open by appointment only this year. We have worked very hard over the years to staff the museum with board members and volunteers. Unfortunately, we had very few drop-in visitors. We found that most visitors stopped in by appointment during our off-hours. Therefore, we are trying something new this year. New signage will indicate the contact information so that interested visitors can make an appointment to visit us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Like most small historical societies in the Lake County area, we are having a difficult time making ends meet. Our basic operating expenses (heat, electricity, postage, etc.) have increased while our annual membership has decreased. Unfortunately, our expenses in 2012 exceeded our income. Encourage friends and relatives to join. We need to increase our membership. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

ELECTIONS 2013

Each year the membership elects four directors to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The terms of the Board members marked with an asterisk (*) are expiring. Nominations are welcome from the membership.

- Jennifer Andrew*
- Laurie Dolan*
- Mike Dolan
- Patrick Lamb*
- Shirley Paddock
- Thomas Steffenburg
- Joan Stewart
- Ruth White*

IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS

We welcome fundraising ideas and program suggestions. Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser or sponsoring a program for the membership? Please contact us and let us know. We need your help! It takes a village!

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2012 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR 2012

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 III
 SENATOR ADELINE J. GEO-KARIS
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 KAREN RABE
 MR. DOUGLAS STILES

*While we work hard to maintain accurate membership records, we apologize in advance for any errors. Please provide a copy of your cancelled check if you feel we have omitted your name here for 2012. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEMBERS

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 MIKE AND LAURIE DOLAN
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 DEIRDRE TONER
 BRUCE YOUNG & KATHY THOMAN

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Fill in this form and mail it with a check payable to HMCA, Inc.

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Name: _____

E-mail: _____

[We would prefer communicating via e-mail if possible.]

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____

Membership Levels

I've (We've) enclosed \$_____ to be applied toward:

_____ Individual annual dues (\$20)

_____ Household annual dues (\$35)

_____ Individual lifetime membership* (\$200)

_____ Household lifetime membership* (\$350)

_____ Donation for _____

_____ My company will send a matching gift.

- The name(s) of Lifetime Members are engraved on a brass nameplate on our display of lifetime members in the museum.

Suggestions:

If you have suggestions for how we might increase our annual membership or suggestions for fundraisers and program offerings, please let us know!

We thank you in advance for your support!



Your membership dues pay for:

- heat & electricity
- taxes
- insurance
- maintenance
- communications
- postage
- events
- speakers
- office supplies
- Website

Members are invited to the annual 4th of July barbecue and fireworks display!

Millburn School District 24

REFERENDUM – APRIL 9, 2013

In light of the upcoming Millburn School District 24 referendum, we thought a little school history would be interesting!

During the early years, school lessons were conducted in a home in the area. The first log church, on the north side of Grass Lake Road just west of Highway 45, was also used for a school. By the middle of the 19th century, there were more than 50 one-room school houses in Lake County. The seats were often made of rough board or planks that were put around the room. Farmers leased land for school purposes. The land reverted back to the property owner when it was no longer used for school purposes. In the 1900s, brick school buildings replaced the wooden frame construction one-room school houses.

School districts in each township were assigned a number. In 1900, the state

legislature issued a directive which resulted in the renumbering of many school districts. In 1919, Millburn Community Consolidated School District 24 was formed by consolidating Hockaday District 24 with Dodge District 49. Eleven men and eight women voted in favor of the proposition. No one voted against it. Part of Grubb School District 26 and all of Waterbury School District 22 annexed to Millburn District 24 in 1920. In 1960, Browe School District 16 was annexed to Millburn District 24.

Hockaday School was located on the south side of Millburn Road 1/8 mile east of Crawford Road just to the east of Millburn Cemetery. Dodge School (established around 1838) was located near the Southeast corner of Sand Lake Road and Route 45. Grubb School (established 1848) was located 1/2 mile north of Grass Lake Road on

the west side of Beck Road. In 1920, Millburn School (pictured below) was located on the east side of U.S. Highway 45, 1/4-mile south of Grass Lake Road. It is believed that Waterbury School was located on the south side of Kelley Road just east of Crawford Road. Browe School was located 1/4 mile West of Dilley's Road on Mill Creek Road.

In the early 1960s, the Millburn School building was built at the northwest corner of Crawford and Millburn Roads. In 1965, there were about 100 students and a graduating class of nine. In 1999, there were over 725 students. In the fall of 2005, Millburn opened a second campus, north of Grass Lake Road and west of Highway 45. In 2012, the Illinois School Report Card listed the total enrollment for Millburn C. C. School District 24 in Old Mill Creek (and Lindenhurst) at 1541 students.



This "new" Millburn School building was built in 1920. (This photo was taken around 1922.)



School Playground 1935

National and Illinois Register of Historic Places



The John H. Strang—or Jake Strang—House (circa 1856–1857) is one of 18 structures listed on the Illinois Register of Historic Places. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Millburn Historic District. The house is a combination of several styles—Federal, Italianate, and Greek Revival. A single-story structure was completed in 1856; the two-story structure was completed in 1857. It was remodeled in 1938–1939. In recent years, the owners embarked upon a major restoration and addition following the standards set forth by the National Register of Historic Places Program administered by the National Park Service.

After two years mining for gold, Jake Strang returned from the California Gold Rush, where he had been one of the successful ones who traveled westward in search of gold. In 1853 he purchased 42 acres of land, on which he built a log cabin. A 2-story brick residence later replaced the log cabin.

A gable roof was added on top of the original flat roof a few years after the house was constructed. A two-story frame addition was added to the back of the home in the 1890s and removed in 1938.

Jake Strang (1828–1895) married Helen Trotter in 1853. Former Grubb School teacher Helen Strang (1830–1897) taught Sunday School at Millburn Church for 50 years. Jake and Helen Strang adopted Jessie Margaret Jamieson.

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