

McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission

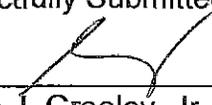
2013  
ANNUAL  
REPORTS

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

- A. List all Landmarks and/or Historic Districts designated during the last fiscal year.
1. **Harmony Road School**
- B. Provide a summary of all properties considered by, rejected or appealed and shall indicate if any designations are pending.
1. **Harmony Road School**
- C. Indicate the number of certificates of appropriateness and/or certificates of economic hardship that were reviewed by the Commission and the results and status of those reviews
1. None.
- D. Describe the progress of local survey efforts. Indicate the number of properties added to the survey inventory and distinguish between intensive and windshield surveys.
1. Much progress was made to obtain grant funding the complete the Rural Intensive Survey. A Request for Proposal from the University of Illinois was accepted pending approval of the grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Even if the grant request is denied, a request to complete part of the project with County funds will be made.
- E. Report on the status of handling of any national register nominations (including date logged in, dates of public hearings, how public input was sought, what input was received and the dates the commission comments were forwarded to the State Preservation Historic Officer).
1. None.
- F. Describe any efforts made to monitor proposed and actual alternations or demolition of national register of Illinois registered properties.
1. None.
- G. Provide a summary of the principle activities and accomplishments of the Commission during the fiscal year.

1. The fiscal year 2012 to 2013 saw the addition of Harmony Road School to the register of landmark properties of the County and well as the oak grove on the property being the first property to be designated under the Commission's Heritage Grove Program. The Commission also published a desk calendar that highlights one of the landmarked properties each month. The additional efforts of the Commission are indicated in the copies of the Commission Minutes attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Steven J. Greeley, Jr.  
Chairman for the McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission

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# **2013 Annual Report**

**Submitted by:**

**Gloria Mack**

**Annual Report 2013**  
**Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:**

**Joint Council –**

**Spring, 2013**

The McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Spring meeting was held at Prairieview Education Center, MCCD, in Crystal Lake, on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Program was on “the bi-state Hackmatack National Wildlife refuge, presented by Ed Collins. Approximately 40 members were in attendance. (See Attached Flier)

**Fall 2013**

The McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Fall meeting was held at The National Register Stickney House, In Bull Valley. The program was presented by Nicole Horn, president of the Stickney House Foundation. Approximately 50 members attended. (See Attached Flier)

On April 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the Lake County Historic Alliance Meeting held at the Lehmann Mansion in Lake Villa. Jayne Nordstorm, of Lake County’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau spoke. She informed us that the Adali Stevenson Home in Libertyville was designated a National Landmark, which opens the home as a National Park, it is the second National Landmark in Lake County, the other is Fort Sheridan.

On June 13, 2013 I attended the McHenry Township meeting. The agenda included a petition to transfer the maintenance of the Ostend Cemetery, a McHenry County Landmark, to McHenry Township. A vote was taken; it was unanimous and transferred the maintenance of the cemetery to the Township.

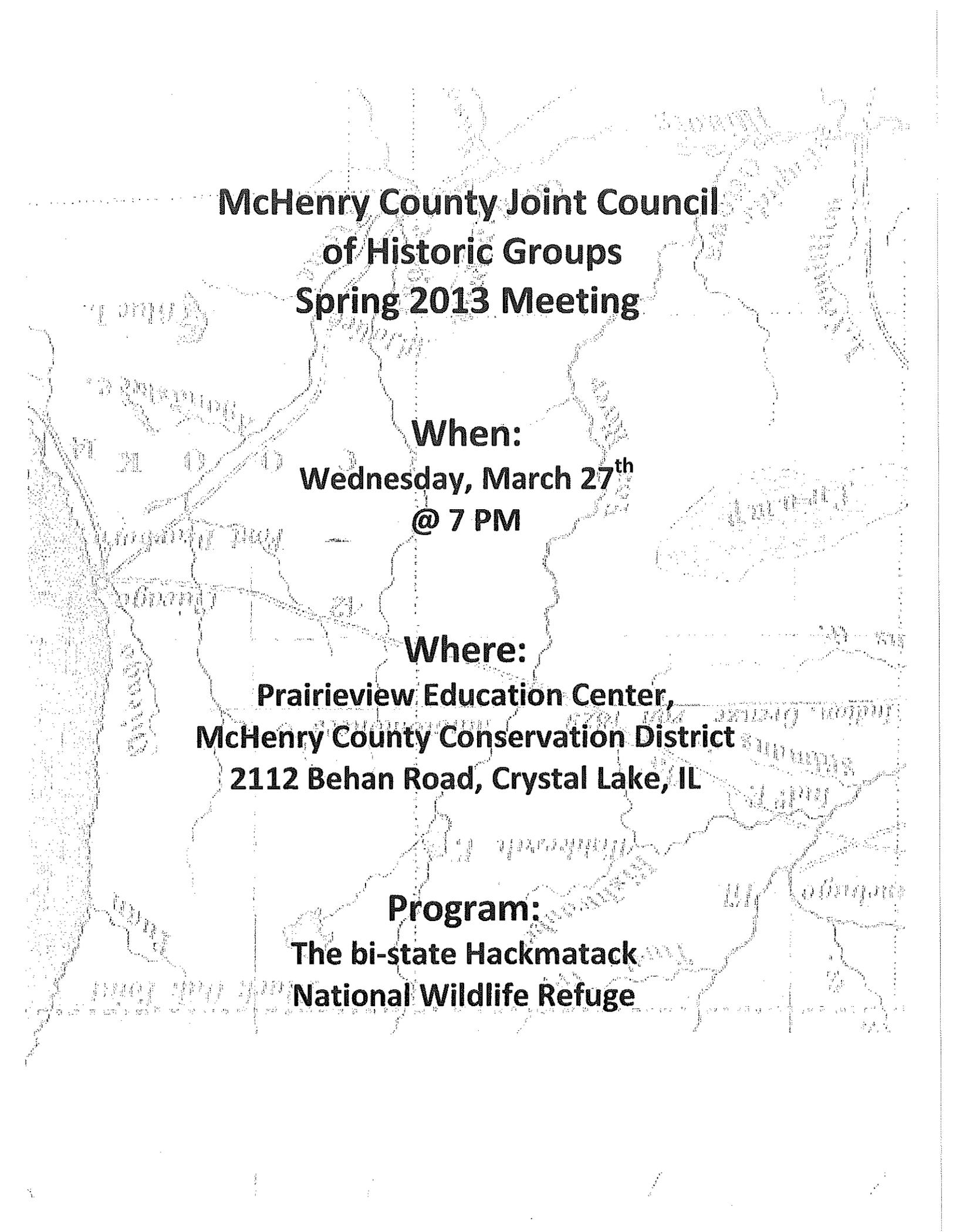
On July 24, 2013 I attended the Lake County Historic Alliance Meeting held at the Cuneo Mansion/Museum. The Mansion was designed by Benjamin Marshall who also designed the Drake Hotel. Also we had a tour of the gardens designed by Jens Jensen. Mr. Cuneo Trust gifted the Mansion and gardens to Loyola University in 2010.

During 2013 I worked with Mary Schultz a lifelong resident of Tryon Grove Road. We plan to have Tryon Grove designated as a McHenry County Scenic Drive

In 2013 I served as an Advisor to the Peterson Farm Foundation. We have submitted our forms to the IL Secretary of State and IL Attorney General. The Last quarter of 2013 they worked on an application for a grant from the McHenry Co. Foundation, to restore the Calf Barn at Peterson.

**Education:**

During 2013 I served as a living history re-enactor at the McHenry County Historical Society. I served in the Gannon Cabin, and talked about the Gannon’s and how they lived during the mid 1800’s. On 3 occasions I spoke to 100 children from schools in McHenry County.



**McHenry County Joint Council  
of Historic Groups  
Spring 2013 Meeting**

**When:  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7 PM**

**Where:  
Prairieview Education Center,  
McHenry County Conservation District  
2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake, IL**

**Program:  
The bi-state Hackmatack  
National Wildlife Refuge**

## Joint Council of Historic Groups Fall Meeting



**When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013

**Where:** Stickney House, 1904 Cherry Valley Road, Bull Valley. (Located between Mason Hill Road to the north and Crystal Springs Road to the south, accessible eastbound from Country Club Road or westbound off Walkup Ave. )

**Program:** Presentation by Nicole Horn, president of Stickney House foundation. Followed by a general information exchange (each group will give a short update of their activities) and a tour of the building.

• *Because of the predicted interest and insufficient space inside, we intend to meet just outside the building under a canopy. Dress accordingly and, if possible, bring a chair.*

## **Goals for 2014**

### **Submitted by Gloria Mack**

#### **Municipal Liaison/Landmarks**

##### Objectives:

1. Work cooperatively with the McHenry County Historical Society to Landmark the Gannon Cabin and the two schools owned by the Historical Society.
2. Contact and meet with all the municipalities that we have intergovernmental agreements with. Initiate a dialog to see if there are any Landmarks within their borders that they might be interested to have designated.
3. Once again attempt to get the Powers/Walker House Landmarked. (Owner MCCD)

#### **Scenic Roads**

##### Objectives:

1. Survey all Scenic Roads to determine if the signage is still in place...
2. Work with individuals who are interested in having their roads designated a Scenic Road.

#### **Programs**

##### Objectives:

1. Organize appropriate programs for Landmark or Scenic Road designations.
2. Include the nominators in the process.

#### **Education**

1. Use every opportunity afforded to serve as a living history actor or docent in order to bring history alive to school children.

**TO:** Steve Greeley, Chair of Historic Preservation Commission

**FROM:** Sue Stelford, Commission Member; Communications & Public Relations Committee

**DATE:** January 15, 2014

**RE:** Annual Report of Tasks Completed in 2013

As I just joined the Commission early last year, I took on the project of producing a calendar (proposed by Gloria Mack) as a way to contribute and familiarize myself with the Commission's landmarked properties. I photographed each of the first 12 landmarked properties during the month it would represent in the calendar, allowing me to physically visit some locations in McHenry County for the first time. I then researched printing options and created a desktop calendar that was distributed to all of the municipalities in McHenry County.

I also photographed new submissions to our landmark program such as Trout Valley Pool, Harmony School, and the Oak Grove at Harmony School.

McHenry County  
Historic Preservation Commission

2013

Monthly Reports

Memos, and

Attachments

**Audrey Martin**

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2013 11:43 AM  
**To:** Audrey Martin  
**Subject:** RE: Final Version of Chairman's report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Much has occurred since our last official meeting in November. In November I reached out to Diane McGowan who owns the Haligus Road Schoolhouse which I noticed was under construction in such a way that I knew the owners were interested in preserving the history and she was interested in the commission guiding her with her renovations to ultimately pursue landmark status upon completion this year. I am happy to attend, but am looking for other people with historic renovation backgrounds to see the property as well.

In November I also started the transition of the website over to me since Nick was the administrator and I have since added the Trout Valley Pool Landmark, other photographs, the resolution we approved for Nick that was adopted by the County Board last month and posted a job opening I received from the McHenry County Conservation District for a Summer part-time history research position and I welcome you all to look at the website and see what other things can be added or changed.

In January I spoke with Richard Cunningham who is the next owner of the Ormsby-Stark house and we discussed what things need to be done if he wants to make changes to the property and I invited him to the meeting to further discuss with the commission.

On January 15th the County Board adopted the resolution honoring Nick for his years of service to the Commission and Nick said great things about the Commission during the ceremony.

This month I met with the leader of the McHenry County Historical Society, Kurt Begalka, to coordinate the efforts of our two organizations in preserving the history of our County and we both concurred that we believed there was a need to take action to save the Harmony School which we will be discussing further in this meeting.

Finally, I received the unwelcome news that we were not given a grant from the IHPA for our survey project and I was referred by Catherine O'Connor to two other people in the department who informed me that the application manual for next year will further clarify the additional requirements that our application did not meet, including using their survey sheet as well as ours and the need to hire an outside consultant for which they are going to provide me with a list of eligible individuals.

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**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**January 2, 2013**  
**Report – Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:**

I delivered the Trout Valley Pool Plaque on 11/18/2012. I also purchased a calendar sponsored by the Polly Crandall Organization that highlights the Schnering (sp) years in Trout Valley. The Schnerings were the owners of Curtiss Candy and their candy was nationally distributed. I will bring it next month, and have it added to the Landmark file.

I contacted Kurt Bugalka, the director of the McHenry County Historical Society in December. Nancy Fike requested that I contact him and begin the process of land marking 3 sites i.e.; the Gannon Cabin and also the two schools owned by the Historical Society. We will be meeting sometimes in the next few weeks to discuss the aforementioned.

**Survey:**

I attended the Survey Meeting on 11/6. Lynn Grey and I met in Hebron on 11/27/2012 to work on the Field Survey. We decided it would be best if Gail Brown, put together a route map, for us to follow.

A note: Annual Reports by the end of January. As a reminder, this is a requirement of our CLG and also, it provides a history of the Commission and its activities for future Commissions.

**McHenry County Historic Preservation  
Commission February 6, 2013 Report  
Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:** In January of 2013, I met with Ward Brown, together we prepared the IL Secretary of State form for the Colby/Petersen Farm Foundation.

I delivered the form to Pat Wirtz, acting chair of the proposed foundation. There was an option to expedite the form for a fee. We decided that we would use that option and hopefully get the form approved and returned expeditiously. Upon the IL Secretary of State's approval, we will then file with the IL Attorney General.

**Reminder:** Joint Council meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## RESOLUTION

### TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HARMONY SCHOOL BUILDING, IN CORAL TOWNSHIP, McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**WHEREAS**, the Harmony School, located at 16903 Harmony Road, Coral Township, McHenry County, Illinois was erected in 1931 to serve as a one room schoolhouse for area children and was used for that purpose until 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harmony School building exists today largely in its original form with a brick façade and still contains original hardwood floors and school chalkboard, among many other original features; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is aware that the Illinois Department of Transportation currently plans to require the removal or destruction of the Harmony School for pending road improvements;

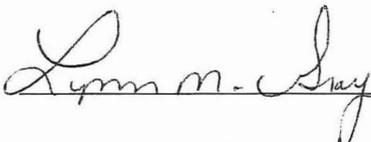
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission acknowledges the historic significance to our County of the Harmony School and desires that it be preserved.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 6th day of February, A.D., 2013.

  
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Steve Greeley, Acting Chairman

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

ATTEST:

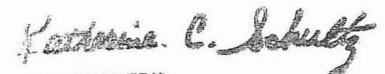
  
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LYNN M. GRAY, Acting Secretary

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

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McHENRY COUNTY

FEB - 7 2013

  
KATHERINE C. SCHULTZ  
COUNTY CLERK

# Gardening Design



Located at the entrance to our community, the Wastewater Treatment Facility is one of the first visual impressions of Algonquin from those coming north on Illinois Route 31. A design consideration for this facility included landscaping a concrete wall (an approximately 200 foot section) with a

vertical garden, utilizing perennial vines for color and textural interest, while maintaining low maintenance costs. To achieve the vertical garden, a support structure was constructed. Utilizing volunteers and staff support, a metal fence was erected the full length of the wall to a height equal to the top of the wall with grid work, allowing plant vines to attach themselves and cover the wall.

While determining the type and species of perennial vines to be used, a suggestion was made to grow vegetables, which could benefit those in need in the area. The Village worked with the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry, and, within three weeks of the initial meeting, the original dedicated garden area was doubled. Vegetables were quickly planted, with the guidance and oversight of Laurie Selpien, the lead gardener for the project, using the assistance of volunteers from the food pantry to plant, fertilize, and harvest. A cooperative effort between the Village of Algonquin and the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry was born. The garden featured vegetable plants, including a variety of tomatoes, basil, green peppers, cucumbers, pole beans, pumpkins, zucchini, and several types of squash.

The inaugural year of the garden was challenging with a summer of drought conditions, which was also experienced by those with home gardens. Despite the challenges, a total of 906.5 pounds of food was produced for the food pantry and its recipients, with a dollar value of approximately \$1,500.

Joe Alger  
 Robert Brown  
 Sue Cisko  
 John Dietrich  
 Jerry Eiserman  
 Tom Erwin  
 Irene Garza  
 Crystal Gray  
 Peggy Grasley  
 Jane Hagenow  
 Brad Jones  
 Sakina Kapadia



Join us for an Awards Breakfast Celebrating  
 McHenry County's **EVERYDAY**  **heroes**

Thursday, March 7, 2013 | 7:15-9:15 am | Crystal Lake Country Club

**Register today to celebrate  
 McHenry County's Everyday Heroes!**

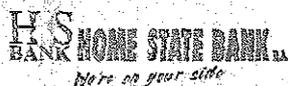
Everyday Heroes make our lives better. They coach our teams. They lead our Boy Scout troops. They volunteer, lend a helping hand where it is needed most and serve as models for bettering ourselves and the community.

You are invited to attend the Everyday Heroes awards breakfast on March 7, 2013. Bob Blazier who received the 1997 Lifetime Achievement Award will deliver the keynote address. A welcome reception will precede breakfast and the awards ceremony.

Tickets  
**\$20**  
 per person

Jim Kreher  
 Jim Lalor  
 Carol Lee  
 Joe and Rose Lewis  
 Sue Manderscheid  
 Terrie Mayer  
 Jim Miller  
 James Mowery  
 Chris Newlon  
 Bud Oughton  
 Judy Pelisnki  
 Elizabeth Phelps  
 Edward Priesens  
 Ron Reber  
 Sue Schuerr  
 Jeff Schumacher  
 Zachary Seiler  
 Laurie Selpien  
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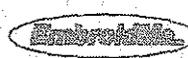
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**Everyday Heroes Breakfast Reservation Order Form**

Complete, clip out and mail this registration form by Wednesday, February 27, 2013 along with a check made payable to the Northwest Herald. Absolutely NO REFUNDS will be issued.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**RATING SYSTEM FOR THE EVALUATION OF NOMINATED LANDMARKS**

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	FACTORS	POINT VALUE
<i>Section 1</i>			
Registries	Included on National Register or Illinois Register	Yes	50
		No	0
<b>Total Points for Section 1</b>			
<i>Section 2*</i>			
Integrity	J. Establishes a sense of time and place	Yes	25
		No	0
	K. Suitable for preservation and restoration	Yes	25
		No	0
<b>Total Points for Section 2</b>			
<i>Section 3**</i>			
Event or Series of Events	A. Character, interest, or value which is part of development, heritage, or cultural characteristics	Not important or significant	0
		Importance unclear	1
		Importance clear, but significance unclear	2
		Important, but not significant	3
		Very important and significant	4
		Very significant	5
Person or Persons	C. Identified with a person or persons of significance	Identification unclear, or not identified	0
		Identified as a birth place	1
		Identified as a place of death	2
		Identified as place of residence only	3
		Identified as a place of work, but not period of significance	4
		Identified as place of work during period of significance	5
Architectural	D. Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable to the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials	Not important or significant	0
		Importance unclear	1
	E. Identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect	Importance clear, but significance unclear	2
		Important, but not significant	3
	F. Embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship	Very important and significant	4
		Very significant	5
	G. Embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative	Very important and significant	4
		Very significant	5
Historic/Pre-Historic Source of Information	M. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important to pre-history or other areas of archaeological significance	Not important or significant	0
		Importance unclear	1
		Importance clear, but significance unclear	2
		Important, but not significant	3
		Very important and significant	4
<b>Total Points for Section 3</b>			

\*Choose 'Yes' or 'No' for both J. and K.

\*\*Select appropriate rate for each Category group based on one or more Criteria per Category. Circle the Criteria selected.

<u>Section 4***</u>		
To what extent does the narrative discuss the nomination criteria selected on the landmark application with regards to the specific property?	None at all	0
		1
		2
	Some discussion	3
		4
	Discusses all selected criteria	5
To what extent does the narrative discuss the nominated property in terms of historic context?	None at all	0
		1
		2
	Some discussion	3
	Discusses appropriate context	5
		4
To what extent does the narrative discuss the nominated property regarding the specific property type?	None at all	0
		1
		2
	Some discussion	3
	Discusses specific property type	5
		4
Is there supporting evidence for all claims in the narrative and application?	No evidence	0
		1
		2
	Not all documented	3
	All evidence is documented	5
		4

\*\*\*Each of the four questions in Section 4 must have a rating selected.

Total Points for Section 4 \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Section 5</u>
If minimum point requirements are met for Section 2 (50 point minimum), Section 3 (3 point minimum), and Section 4 (12 point minimum), enter 35 points in space to the right. If minimum point total for all three sections (2, 3, and 4) are not met, enter 0 points to the right.

Total Points for Section 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Points from All Sections (1 through 5) \_\_\_\_\_

100 or more points = Eligible for landmark consideration  
 less than 100 points = Not eligible for landmark consideration

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF MARCH 6, 2013

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This month I began the task of confirming with all of the other county historic groups that our current comprehensive list of landmarks is up to date and so far I have heard from everyone except from the Harvard Historical Society. I plan to see them at the joint council meeting if someone from that entity is there to find out about this and then I will publish the revised comprehensive list to the joint council and to our website.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> I gave the Annual Report to the full McHenry County Board with photographs identifying in general what we do and highlighting the efforts from last year, including the land marking of the Trout Valley Pool, the photo contest, the renewed survey efforts the departure and arrival of new commission members and the successes of Laurie and the Victory Gardens.

I also discussed the current Harmony Road School application during my presentation as I received quite a bit of information on the School in the past month. In particular, its connections to a well known architecture firm which has a property in Arlington Heights that was designed by the firm and which is on the National List of Historic Places. If the commission decides that this application is worthy of land marking, then we must schedule our public hearing and complete the task as I received a letter from the Department of Transportation that acquisition of the properties is set to take place now and demolition may not be far behind.

In addition, the Camp Algonquin site also has redevelopment plans by McHenry County Conservation District involving demolition and there is a meeting Thursday, March 7, 2013, between 5-7 p.m. for an inspection of the plans and I am sure people will be there to discuss so I plan on attending to find out the plans and see where things stand.

Steven

**McHenry County Historic Preservation  
Commission March 6, 2013 Report  
Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:**

I prepared the Joint Council Flier and delivered it to Audrey for copying and mailing. As always, she did her usual great job. I delivered a flier to Richmond and Ringwood as they are both on the border of the proposed Hackmatack Wildlife Refuge. I received a response that they both had a conflict, the McCog meeting.

Peterson Farm Foundation update: The first step has been accomplished, a submittal to the IL Secretary of State has been returned, approved. The second step is to submit the IL Attorney General form. We plan to accomplish this by mid-March. The Peterson Farm Foundation meeting on 2/26 was cancelled because of snow.

I contacted Shirley Beene and requested two or three pictures of the Trout Valley Pool, so that we can decide on the best picture for our Landmark display.

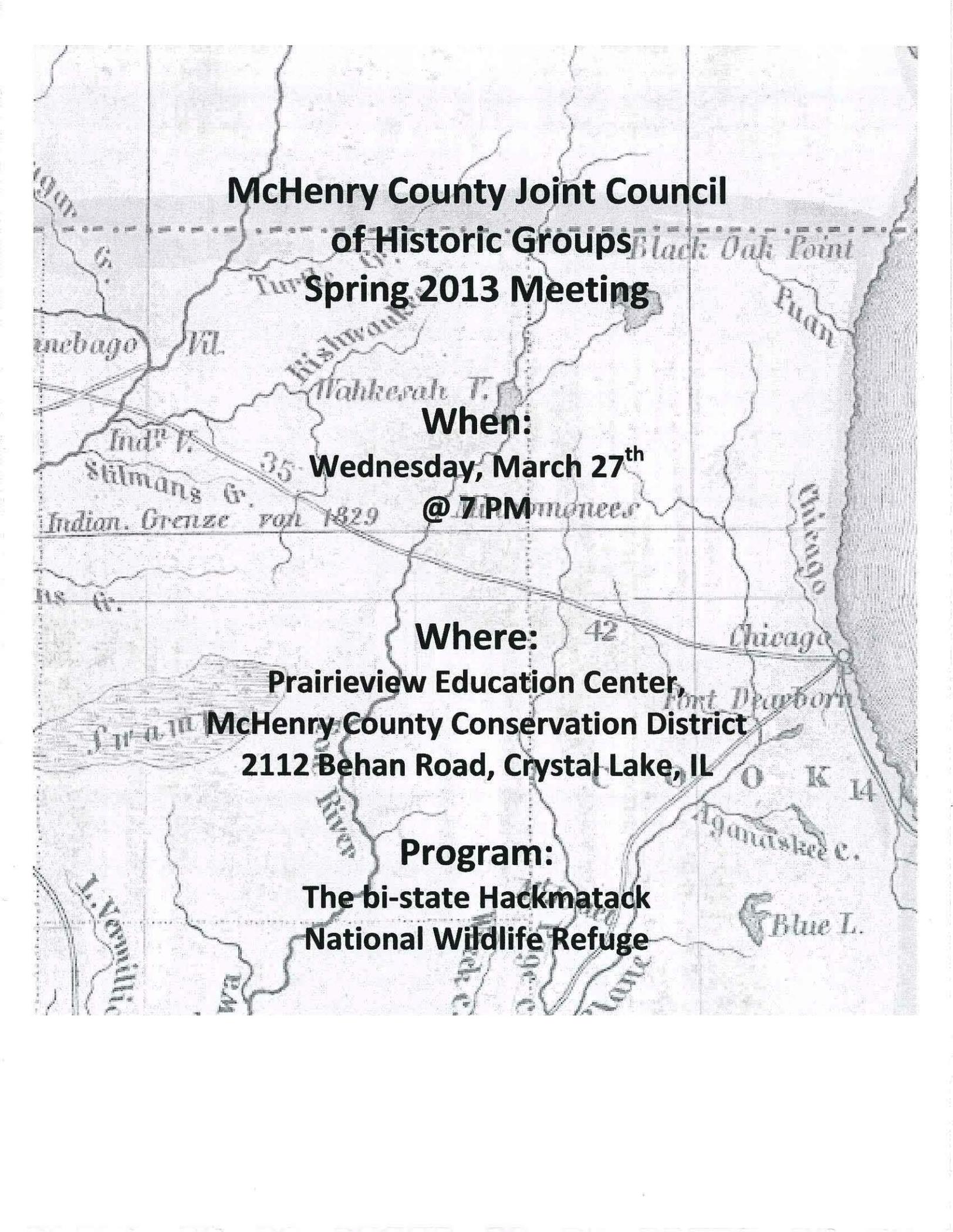
**February Activities:**

I attended the Survey meeting on February 22, 2013.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> I met with the McHenry Co. Art Coordinator, Adam Lehmann and Dennis Sandquist, Director of P & D to discuss expansion of the Landmark Picture display. It was decided by consensus that we would remove an Object of Art currently on display, then coordinate with Management Services to affix the remaining Landmarks pictures.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to Gail Brown for her "exercise in excellence" in framing the Landmark Photos.

I received an e-mail from Margo Van Dan of Alden. She informed me that the Alden Methodist Church is celebrating 150 years of Faith and Joy. I sent a copy to Bob Frenz, MCCWRT president and he informed me that that the State is honoring Sesquicentennial church's. I sent the information to Margo Van Dan. I intend to take a ride out to the church to see if the building is original. We might have the opportunity to Landmark it.

A historical map of McHenry County, Illinois, showing various towns, rivers, and landmarks. The map is overlaid with text for a meeting announcement. The text is centered and reads: "McHenry County Joint Council of Historic Groups Spring 2013 Meeting". Below this, it says "When: Wednesday, March 27th @ 7 PM". Further down, it says "Where: Prairieview Education Center, McHenry County Conservation District 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake, IL". At the bottom, it says "Program: The bi-state Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge". The map shows the Chicago River, the Illinois River, and various towns like Black Oak Point, Puan, Wahkesah T., and Blue L. The map also shows the "Indian. Grenze von 1829" and "Stilmans Gr.".

**When:**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 7 PM**

**Where:**

**Prairieview Education Center,  
McHenry County Conservation District  
2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake, IL**

**Program:**

**The bi-state Hackmatack  
National Wildlife Refuge**

**Gloria Mack**

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**Date:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 7:31 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: 150th Anniversary

Gloria:

Please let Margo know that the Illinois State Historical Society is looking to honor Sesquicentennial churches. There is an application that would need to be filled out. I could mail them a copy if they are interested.

Bob

**From:** Margo and David Van Dan

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2013 10:48 AM

Hi Gloria,

I thought you might be interested in this since it has a lot to do with civil war history. We are sending out info now to anyone interested. I hope you will consider joining us.

Margo Van Dan

2/13/2013



*Gail A. Brown*

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission  
c/o McHenry County Dept. of Planning & Development  
2200 North Seminary ~ Woodstock, IL 60098  
815 - 334 - 4560

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Date: 3/6/2013

To: John Kremer, MCCD Operations Manager  
From: Gail Brown, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Re: **EVALUATION of MCCD Structures Prior to Demolition  
(Camp Algonquin - 6 camp shelter buildings)**

*Thank you for the opportunity to observe, document and photograph the buildings on this parcel.*

*Camp Algonquin was nominated for landmark status several years ago and was turned down by the commission due to its lack of historic integrity. The buildings were determined at that time to not be of historic significance, rather the idea and the history of the camp was what had historic value. Since we as a commission do not plaque ideas, the commission decided to decline on this application.*

*After MCCD became owner of Camp Algonquin in 2004, it was leased to the YMCA who was responsible for building maintenance. However, the buildings have fallen into a serious state of disrepair. Some have falling-in roofs and most of the small buildings are rotting away in a "demolition by neglect" mode. With current building codes for public agencies, renovation would be cost prohibited and not in accordance with the Master Plan for this site.*

*At this point, 6 of the remaining 43 of these buildings are to be removed:*

- Whipperwill*
- Meadow*
- Explorer*
- Explorer Outhouse*
- Acorn*
- Park*

*These 6 buildings were built between the 1920's and the 1950's and are unsuitable and unsafe for future use and therefore are being recommended for removal.*

**Gloria Mack**

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***Alden United Methodist Church***

***16532 Rt. 173***

***Alden, IL 60033***

***Aldenunitedmethodist.net***

## ***150 Years of Faith and Joy***

The Alden United Methodist Church will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a reception on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

A pictorial directory is in the making, appropriate dress will be the attire for the committee and congregation, updating our "pictures through the years", and of course, a delicious fried chicken dinner.

Alden is still a small but active church. We do not have the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar anymore, due to the regulations from the County Health Department plus all our "cooks" are getting a little older. This past year several of our members have gone home to be with their Lord and Savior; Jean West, Lelia Knopp, Elaine Knopp Hawley, Agnes Wappler, and June Myers all within the last year.

Coffee and donuts with a "Walk down Memory Lane" will start at 9 AM and the old thyme church service will begin at 10:30 AM. Following the service will be the Chicken and potluck dinner.

2/13/2013

At 1:30 PM the celebration continues with memories from former Pastors, storytelling, and special music concerts.

Please RSVP to Bobette Von Bergen, 9805 Rt. 173, Hebron, IL 60034 with your memory letters or that you can come and join us in our celebrations. We look forward to seeing you once again.

Please consider sharing with us this special day of ministry and history of Alden United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,

150<sup>th</sup> Committee

Margo Van Dan, Mel and Bobette Von Bergen, Tom and Margaret Behles, Kurt and Karen Beystehner, Dan Guttschow, Ruth Blair, and Pastor Jim Bell.

2/13/2013

Camp Algonquin Buildings slated for demolition



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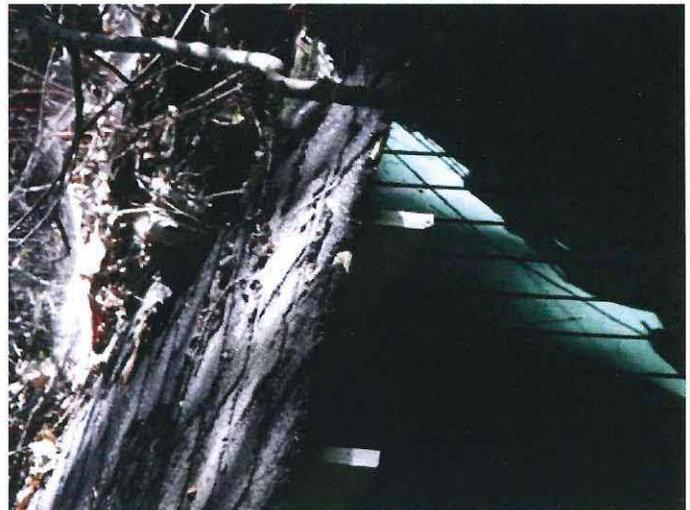
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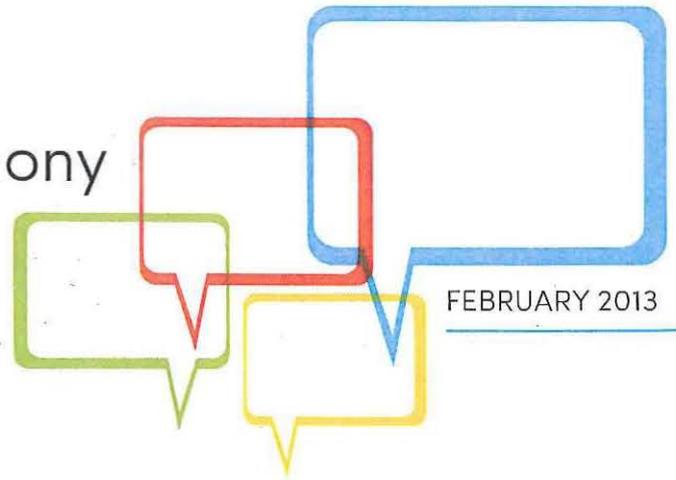


March 6, 2013 Victory Garden

The Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry Victory Garden received a \$5,000 grant from United Airlines Foundation. The funds will go for an irrigation system, tillers, plants and equipment needed to keep the garden in production. Jacobs High school science department in District 300 will be starting seeds for the garden in the newly reopened greenhouse. District 155 will be sending students to help in the gardens on Friday's once the growing season starts. Kolzie's Corner Gardens is donating 25 pounds of seed potatoes to the gardens. We hope to have a boy scout troop to help in the planting about mid-April.

# US 20 at Harmony

## PROJECT UPDATE



FEBRUARY 2013

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## Summary

The intersection of US 20 at Harmony Road is amongst a group of the most dangerous intersections in the State. Steep hills, sharp curves, and a skewed intersection angle have contributed to fatal and severe injury crashes at this location. In response, IDOT began a preliminary engineering and environmental study ("Phase I") in 2010, and coordinated with local officials and property owners. A signalized intersection and a roundabout (RAB) alternative were evaluated, and the Department initially selected the roundabout option in early 2012 and began moving the project forward to construction. However, by mid 2012, it was clear that further stakeholder input was needed. The Phase I process was reopened, further detail was added to the alternatives analysis, and Public Meetings were hosted in August and November of 2012. Stakeholders had many comments and questions regarding the RAB option, which is understandable, since RAB's are relatively new to the area. A summary of the most frequent questions is presented on page 2 of this newsletter. While there was support for both options, the RAB option also received support from Coral Township, the Village of Union, Huntley and Marengo Fire Protection Districts, and Marengo High School District 154. The technical analysis shows that the RAB option would have relatively better safety performance, require less right-of-way, have a lower cost, and provide similar overall congestion relief. Therefore, in consideration of all the information gathered for the project, IDOT is moving forward with the RAB option.

## Next Steps

IDOT will reinitiate the land acquisition process in the coming weeks, update the contract plans, and prepare the project for construction, which is being targeted for 2014. Construction is anticipated to require one construction season (April to November).

Since the RAB is relatively new to this area, IDOT is committed to continued outreach and education to ensure that area residents and officials have access to the latest information about the project through the end of the construction phase.

**Audrey Martin**

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:21 PM  
**To:** Audrey Martin  
**Subject:** Chairman Report

This month I attended the County Board Meeting on May 7 and the proclamation acknowledging Local History Month and our Commission was adopted by the board and I was presented with the resolution for the Commission records. Commissioner Shawn Phillips was also approved by the board that day.

Commissioner William Holderfield contacted me and advised that due to work obligations he will no longer be able to sit on the commission. His knowledge and insight will be missed.

I also took part in communications related to the progress of our rural survey and possible outsourcing and I hope the commission and everyone associated with it will be able to come to a decision on how to proceed and take all action that will get us to the goal of completing the project in the best possible fashion.

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**McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**June 5, 2013 Meeting**  
**Report submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:** I telephoned Ann Bastian at the MCCD main office. I requested that the Commission Municipal Liaisons be added to the May 16<sup>th</sup> agenda. She told me that wouldn't be possible and that if we wished to address the meeting we could speak under the agenda item; Public Speaking. I telephoned Dave Gervais with the information. I didn't hear from him so I assumed that this wasn't agreeable with him.

I would like to suggest that we send a letter to the MCCD and Board Members highlighting our suggestions in scaling down the Trial of History and offering it to School Children in McHenry County. It is the only opportunity they have to learn about McHenry County Cultural History and Natural History. This option could use only volunteers and change the dates to Thursday and Friday.

The Ostend Cemetery Board has petitioned McHenry Township to assume maintenance of the cemetery. The Township Supervisor and Board of Trustees are in favor of their petition, but they are calling a meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> of McHenry Township electors to present this issue to them. I have been asked to provide a speaker that would give the history of the Cemetery. As you know it is one of our Landmarks. I am leaving on a trip to Mr. Rushmore this Sunday and am unable to attend the meeting. Would any of the Commission members wish to speak? If not I will ask Pat Wirtz, the McHenry Landmark Commission Chair to do the honors.

**Miscellaneous:** I spoke to Joseph Korpalski, the County DOT Engineer. I suggested when the next County Map is printed that a list of the Scenic Roads be included as a side bar. He said that the next printing would be in 2 years. Is there any way we can put this on our calendar for mid 2015.

**SPECIAL  
TOWN MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of McHenry in the County of McHenry and State of Illinois, that a Special Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

June 13, 2013

At the hour of 7:45 P.M. at

McHenry Township Hall  
3703 North Richmond Road  
Johnsburg, Illinois 60051

For the Purpose of Voting to Accept the Ostend Cemetery  
For maintenance of a cemetery of historical significance to McHenry Township  
and McHenry County.

**Gloria Mack**

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**From:** "Pat Wirtz"  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:14 AM

FYI... If you believe in preservation,  
please consider going to this meeting!  
Pat

## Special Town Meeting

for voting to accept Ostend Cemetery is on

June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm.

It is very important that we get as many

**McHenry Township registered voters**  
as we can to this meeting to support this.

If you can broadcast this to your network of historic preservation groups, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks so much for all you do!

Donna A. Schaefer  
McHenry Township Supervisor  
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Johnsburg, Illinois 60051  
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Below are 3 internet stories to explain Ostend Cemetery History:

## McHenry Township could take over care of historical cemetery

By EMILY K. COLEMAN - [ecoleman@shawmedia.com](mailto:ecoleman@shawmedia.com)

Created: Friday, May 17, 2013 5:30 a.m. CDT

Updated: Friday, May 17, 2013 12:40 p.m. CDT

**McHENRY** – More than 50 years after the last person was buried at Ostend Cemetery, its caretakers are hoping McHenry Township will take over the maintenance of the one-acre plot off Route 120 west of McHenry.

The cemetery's board members are getting older, and they want to avoid a situation where the cemetery becomes abandoned, Township Supervisor Donna Schaefer said.

The cemetery was designated a historical landmark in 1997 with Schaefer, then a County Board member, giving a presentation at its dedication.

## Ostend Cemetery

In 1842, Apollos Thompson came to settle in this area. He then brought his wife and children from their Ohio home. His wife, Lucinda, died in 1842 prompting Thompson to set aside an acre of land for a cemetery.

This cemetery was originally known as the "Thompson Buring Grounds". Other early settlers to the Ostend area included Sherman, Abbot, Francisco, Bassett and McCollum.

McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION LANDMARK

### Location

Ostend Cemetery

7010 Illinois 120 McHenry, IL 60050

## History Lives Amid Ostend Cemetery

**The McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission Will Bestow Landmark Status Sunday On The 1-acre Site Near McHenry.**

September 26, 1997 | By Dave Barnes. Special to the Tribune.

When Lucinda Thompson was lowered into her grave on a cold December day in 1842, she became the first person to be buried in what is now known as the Ostend Cemetery, a grassy, one-acre plot on the north side of Illinois Highway 120 west of McHenry.

On Sunday afternoon, Lucinda, her husband, Apollos, and other early McHenry and Greenwood Township settlers will play silent host to the McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission when it plaques their hallowed acre as a historical site.

Everett Thomas, 85, was born on a farm just north of the cemetery and now oversees the cemetery's maintenance, having previously kept it groomed "for about 30 years."

To Thomas, most of those lying in their Ostend graves are like an extended family. And, in fact, five Thomases are buried there. His great-grandfather, Andrew Thomas, staked out the original 80 acres of his 220-acre farm in 1840 at the going rate of \$1.25 an acre.

Two years later, Apollos and Lucinda Thompson settled on land next to the Thomas property with four of their six children. Just six weeks later, Lucinda was dead at the age of 52.

With no formally established cemeteries in the area, Apollos set aside an acre of his new land to receive the body of Lucinda--whom he had known since infancy--and others in the area who would follow.

Those others would include 4-month-old Alta Fellows, buried next to her mother, who died just weeks earlier at the age of 38. Elizabeth Francisco also lies there. Born in 1780, she died days short of her 90th birthday in 1870.

There are a number of other stories buried in Ostend Cemetery and Everett Thomas knows most of them. "Charlie Jecks (1864-1955) was the last to be buried here. His tombstone says, 'Charles' but everybody called him Charlie," Thomas says.

"Over there," he said, pointing to a remote corner of the cemetery, "are six pauper's graves. They were buried at township expense."

Nearest the road and somewhat isolated from the others is the grave of 4-month-old John Ralston, who died in 1856. "I don't know why his parents buried him here; they lived south of McHenry," Thomas explains.

There are other mysteries, too, including the name of the cemetery itself. According to a 125-page history of the cemetery written by the late Loren Thompson, it was originally called the Thompson Burial Grounds, and later renamed Overocker Cemetery after another pioneering family.

However, in 1846 the government established the Ostend Post Office to serve the area and by 1880 the name had transferred to the cemetery as well.

"Whether (Lyman) Burr (the first postmaster) or the federal government named it Ostend, I don't know. And there's no one here to tell us," Thomas said.

With the grounds freshly mowed and a new boulder in place to accept the plaque, the cemetery is ready for its hoost to landmark status Sunday. Armed with copies of Thompson's history book, Thomas will be there to expound on the lives of those pioneers buried at Ostend.

And shortly after 2 p.m., County Board member Donna Schafer will make the presentation. The ceremony is open to all with an interest in local history.

## VICTORY GARDEN

May 5<sup>th</sup> we worked with the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake at the garden, we planted potatoes, cabbages etc.

May 8<sup>th</sup> the Village of Lake in the Hills put a stop work order on the back garden because of a broken water pipe (lifted May 21<sup>st</sup>)

May 9<sup>th</sup> Spoke to MOPS (Mothers with Pre-schoolers) at the Light of Christ Church, Algonquin, about the history of the Victory Garden, vanishing historic seeds, and how they can start their own garden. The Light of Christ Church has garden lots for their families and 10% of what is grown is given to the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith food pantry.

May 19<sup>th</sup> United Airlines built a greenhouse that they donated, also Cub Scouts 368 who came with United Airlines planted tomatoes, peppers and eggplant at the Algonquin Water Treatment plant

We are looking for clean 5 gallon Buckets  
to be used as self watering planters

## Audrey Martin

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 4:34 PM  
**To:** Audrey Martin  
**Subject:** Chairman Report

Since our last regular meeting, I took a tour of the Camp Algonquin site with Gail, Shawn and Dave from MCCD who is the caretaker of the property. I am disappointed that so many decent buildings will be torn down but the tour helped me better realize the amount of work that would have to go into the site to make it useful. I first questioned MCCD even taking such a site that could have a commercial purpose but now I better understand the beautiful wooded space on the hills along the river that will now be preserved forever. Regardless of whether MCCD bought it or it was kept in private hands, if there were to be a use, all buildings would need to be fixed, including ADA compliance, asbestos removal and serious renovation efforts. The camp clearly operated under a slim budget as evidenced by the particle board lining most walls of the buildings and to ever get those buildings in proper shape to be profitable would be a difficult task.

The Rec Hall is in the best shape and the plans for its renovation will preserve its historic character. It will be a great example of the remainder of the older buildings which were very similar. The Ritz dorm will be preserved by the Historic Society and is a great example of that style of building. The barn on the property looks to be in excellent condition and it would be great if a use could be explored by MCCD.

The Sawyer Mill in Huntley is in need of a plan for its use by the end of the month. Please inform anyone you can to help with this. The best ideas I have heard for the building is to use parts as an artist studio, history museum and/or indoor farmer's market to supplement the outdoor street market they already have on the square.

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION**  
**CONCERNING LOCAL LANDMARK STATUS**  
**OF THE OLD HARMONY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Kurt Begalka, on behalf of the McHenry County Historical Society, has filed an application with the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to petition the McHenry County Board for consideration of local landmark status for property commonly known as the Old Harmony School, located at 16903 Harmony Road, Marengo, Coral Township in the County of McHenry, Illinois, being a parcel of land more fully described as that:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 43 North, Range 6, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 34 with the centerline (as traveled) of U.S. Route 20; thence Southeasterly along the center line of U.S. Route 20 being along a curve to the left, a distance of 129.38 feet; thence South 43 degrees, 49 minutes East along the centerline (as traveled) of U.S. Route 20, being tangent to the last described curve, a distance of 32.2 feet; thence South 47 degrees, 05 minutes West, a distance of 124.3 feet; thence South 88 degrees, 04 minutes West, a distance of 164.4 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 21 minutes West a distance of 215.00 feet to the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 34; thence East along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 34, a distance of 154.0 feet to the place of beginning, in McHenry County, Illinois, except that part described as follows: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 43 North, Range 8, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southwest 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds East along the North line of said Southwest 1/4, 863.95 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees, 56 minutes 10 seconds East along the last described course, 119.64 feet to a point of intersection with the Westerly right of way line of U.S. Route 20 (said right of way line being 40.00 feet Westerly of, as measured perpendicular to, the centerline of said U.S. Route 20); thence Southeasterly along a non-tangential curve having a radius of 890.10 feet, as said curve is convexed to the Southwest for an arc distance of 48.50 feet (said curve having a chord bearing of South 34 degrees 22 minutes 50 seconds East and a chord distance of 48.49 feet) to a point; thence North 87 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds West, 79.44 feet; thence North 83 degrees, 03 minutes 48 seconds West, 50.36 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 22 seconds West along a line 30.00 feet South of and parallel with the centerline of Harmony Road, 17.60 feet; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West, 29.91 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel containing 0.1063 acres, more or less, in McHenry County, Illinois.

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the of this Commission to make recommendations to the McHenry County Board regarding the designation of historic landmarks and preservation districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Survey Committee of this Commission has completed its initial report and recommendation regarding the subject property and its ability to meet the criteria for landmark designation as provided for in Article III, Sections 4 and 5 of the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance*; and,

**WHEREAS**, with proper notice, a public hearing was held on this matter before this Commission on this 17th day of July, 2013 at the McHenry County Government Center, Woodstock, Illinois, pursuant to the requirements of Article III, Sections 6 and 7 of the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance*; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Commission finds that the proposed landmark meets the Ordinance requirements for designation, pursuant to Article III, Section 4, meeting six (6) of the fourteen (14) criteria for designation, where one (1) criterion is sufficient, and the findings of this Commission are attached and are hereby made a part of this resolution.

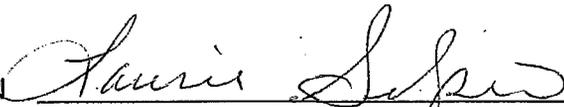
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by this Commission that the request made by Kurt Begalka, on behalf of the McHenry County Historical Society, for landmark status of the property commonly known as the Old Harmony School, located in Coral Township, McHenry County, Illinois, be approved for designation as the twenty-third local historic landmark by the County of McHenry.

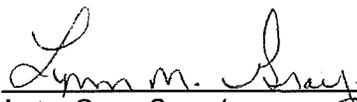
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Commission's Resolution be transmitted to the McHenry County Board for consideration of an Ordinance to establish and designate the said local historic landmark.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION

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DATED at Woodstock, Illinois this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2013,

CHAIRMAN   
Laurie Selpien, Acting Chairman  
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

ATTEST:   
Lynn Gray, Secretary  
McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

VOTING AYE: 6

VOTING NAY: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

ABSENT: 2

# McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Findings Report

**Case Number:** HPC-2013-01

**Application Filing Date:** 2013 February 06

**Revision Filing Date:** 2013 May 01

**Nomination:** Historic Building: Harmony School House (Harmony School District #4).

**Nominator:** Kurt Begalka, Administrator, McHenry County Historical Society, Union, Illinois.

**Property Owner:** Prairie Community Bank, 800 West Grant Highway, P.O. Box 255, Marengo, Illinois 60152-0255 (Attention: Dick Adamson, Special Assets Manager).

**Location:** Southwest corner of Harmony Road (C.R. A-49) and Grant Highway (U.S. Route 20).

**Address:** 16903 Harmony Road, Marengo, Illinois 60152.

**PIN and acreage:** 17-34-300-038      The parcel contains 0.89 acres.

**Legal Description:** Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 43 North, Range 6 East, 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M. in Coral Township, McHenry County, Illinois. (See the attendant Resolution for a full legal description.)

<b>HISTORIC INFORMATION OUTLINE</b>			
ARCHITECT:    Ralph Elliot Abell	YEAR BUILT:        1931	PURPOSE/TYPE:    School	
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:    Colonial / American Federal Revival			
MODIFICATIONS:        Garage addition (circa 1971)			
HISTORIC INTEGRITY:    The historic integrity is excellent (original building). The garage addition is a superficial appurtenance (non-contributory).			
PRESENT/LAST USE:        The building was last used as professional office for a real estate firm.			
PLANNED USE:            Uncertain: Demolition is possible due to proposed highway reconfiguration.			

## SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Date:** 2013 May 31

**Reviewed by:** Lynn M. Gray

**Recommendation:** Eligible

**Review Details:** I have reviewed the Harmony School revised application. The information about the architect is a significant addition. Not only did the residents hire prestigious architectural firm W.W. Abell and son but they also did some of the work themselves. The photographs show the 80 year old building has retained many original materials and detail. Built in 1931 the Harmony School boasted all the modern amenities of the time and is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when a community comes together.

As the heart of the local farming community holding social events and the promise of a bright future educating the next generations it has been a point of pride for the local citizens. As the number of one room schools diminishes and the interest in this part of the American experience grows it is more important than ever to acknowledge the importance of these resources.

It is my opinion that the Harmony School be considered for Landmark Status.

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

**Date and Time of Public Hearing:** 2013 July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
**Location of Public Hearing:** McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, Illinois; Room 207 F

### Summary of Public Hearing Testimony:

Mr. Kurt Begalka, McHenry County Historical Society spoke first. He said he considers the school a beautiful, rare historic structure, and the Historic Preservation Ordinance urges us to protect, preserve and encourage the restoration, rehabilitation and adaptation for continued use of those properties and structures which exemplify our historic and cultural heritage. He noted the one-room school house accomplishes all of that.

Mr. Martin Horn, 11516 Route 20 in Huntley, stated he and his wife live opposite the school. He said they have an emotional attachment after living there for 40 years. He said he agreed with everything Mr. Belgalka said, and he would hate to see the school gone.

Ms. Barb Kurtz, a neighbor, stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is going to take the building down. She asked if IDOT can overrule anything that happens at tonight's meeting. Mr. Phillips answered the Commission hopes this designation will raise awareness of the Harmony School to the state and the State Historical Society. Ms. Brown added this will establish an official status to the building. She also noted that if the Commission votes in favor of the landmarking, the decision will still have to go to the County Board for approval. It was noted The Prairie Community Bank is the owner of the property.

Mr. Begalka said there is a separate effort to get the Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency to also designate this and they do have the authority to influence IDOT. Ms. Kurtz asked if once the school is plaqued, could someone purchase the property and tear it down? Ms. Brown explained that they would have to get a "Certificate Of Appropriateness" from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Foley, Staff Liaison, mentioned that IDOT and the County Highway Department were aware of the meeting and Mr. Foley invited them to attend the meeting and read something into the record if they wanted to.

Ms. Brown, McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) Liaison, asked Mr. Bob Frenz how the Harmony Road School compares historically with other one-room school houses. Mr. Frenz (who wrote a book, *Historic Country Schools of McHenry County*, published in 2008) said the school was one of the last built in the county. He explained this was unusual at the time – it was constructed of brick because it was meant to last. It is a testament of what the people were willing to sacrifice to get a school, which had cost over seven thousand dollars, built in 1931 at the height of the depression. He noted that it was the pride of the community, who worked together to build it with their own labor. Mr. Frenz opined that this was a fine example McHenry County's country schools and ranks among the best examples.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Susan Horn explained that they have lived on Harmony Road since 1977 and knew the Krause and Yarbrow families, members of whom are now in their 60s, who

had actually attended the school. Another of the public mentioned members of the Kunde family as well. Mr. Begalka noted he was given/shown pictures from former students of the school who were excited about the prospect of making it a landmark. Some general discussion among several members in attendance noted that interior elements of the old school still remain, which is unusual for a building that has had a change of use. Another member of the public had mentioned a fireplace may have been added (in addition to the garage).

Mr. Adamson, Prairie Community Bank, stated it is the bank's intention is to be a good neighbor until a more definitive use comes along.

### **Summary of the Voting Session:**

**Motion:** Made by Commissioner Gray and seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the nomination of the Harmony Road School for landmark status.

**Discussion:** It was noted that all of the commissioners have seen the application and are aware of the school and its condition and agree that it meets the criteria for landmarking.

Ms. Selpien Read the landmarking criteria to the Commission and guests. The school meets 6 of the criteria for landmarking (*recapitulated below*). Ms. Brown pointed out it only needs to meet one.

Ms. Selpien called for a roll call vote. All voting members voted aye by voice vote. Motion passed.

Mr. Foley explained it now will go to the Planning and Development Committee before it goes on to the County Board for their consideration.

### **Summary of Approval Criteria:**

The Commission finds that the Old Harmony School meets the following specific criteria for local historic landmark status eligibility and recommends approval of the designation of landmark status by ordinance to the Planning and Development Committee and to the County Board, pursuant to Article III of the *McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance*.

1. [4.A] *It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristic(s) of a local community, the County of McHenry, State of Illinois, or the Nation;*

The Old Harmony School represents the life and early growth of rural McHenry County and the community of Harmony. The location was the site of an original wooden school house built in 1859 on land owned by G. Shapley and John Hatch at the southwest corner of Huntley-Harmony Road and the Elgin-Rockford Road. This original school house was replaced with the current building, circa 1931. It was a then-modern frame and brick building with the latest in building technology and represented a point of pride for the community. The school also doubled as a gathering place the residents and farmers of the Harmony area.

2. [4.E] *It is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the local area, County of McHenry, State of Illinois, or the Nation;*

The Old Harmony School was designed by Ralph Elliot Abell. He evidently was running his own firm by the time he designed this school. Earlier, Ralph Abell had been an associate of the well-known Elgin architectural firm of W. Wright Abell and Son. His father established that firm, which had designed notable buildings of varied styles in northern Illinois and elsewhere. Ralph Abell was the architect responsible for designing the Nathaniel Moore Banta House in Arlington Heights, which was an Arts and Crafts style structure now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. He had also designed the original McHenry High School (now east campus), built in 1924.

3. [4.F.] *It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant;*

The building is an eclectic style, meaning it is composed of a mixture of older style elements. Elements that are characteristic of the Colonial (Georgian) or American Federal Revival styles for public-oriented buildings include: the Classical portico entrance, cupola, arched window casings, multi-pane windows, dentil masonry detailing, and brick finishing with wooden trim. The mansard roof is not a common characteristic, but is likely related to the small scale and dimensions of the building.

4. [4.I] *It has character which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including, but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance;*

The Old Harmony School is a particularly fine example of a rural country school, whose scale is rather "miniaturized" in comparison with typical government/public buildings of its style (as recounted above). Despite the superficial addition of a garage, the building well-retains its architectural integrity, which include even interior features that reflect its tenure as such a school.

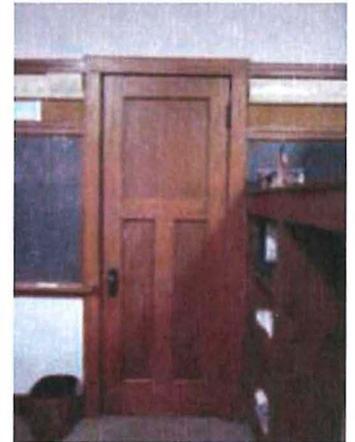
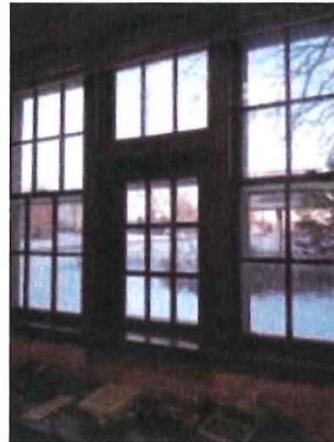
5. [4.J.] *It establishes a sense of time and place unique to a community and/or the County of McHenry;*

The Old Harmony School was built at the beginning of the depression. Despite the financial distress of that era, the community came together to complete the school. Farmers volunteered their services. The school became a centerpiece of the unincorporated community of Harmony.

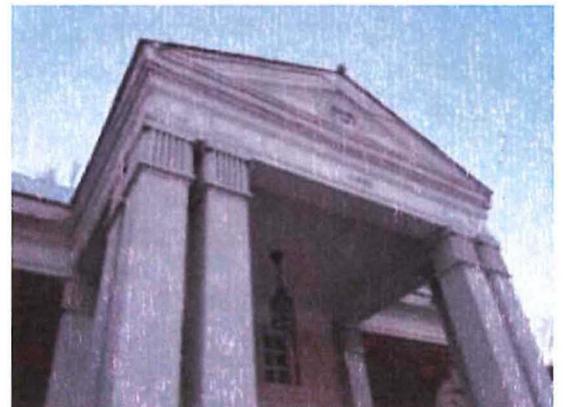
6. [4.K.] *It is suitable for preservation or restoration;*

Ralph Abell had also designed the Bean school near Hampshire (Kane County) in the same style as the Harmony School. That structure has been converted into a residential dwelling. The structure in Harmony is better preserved, and it is the only example of this type of school building in the county. Given this and the multiple factors recounted above, the Old Harmony School is most suitable for preservation and requires very little restorative work.

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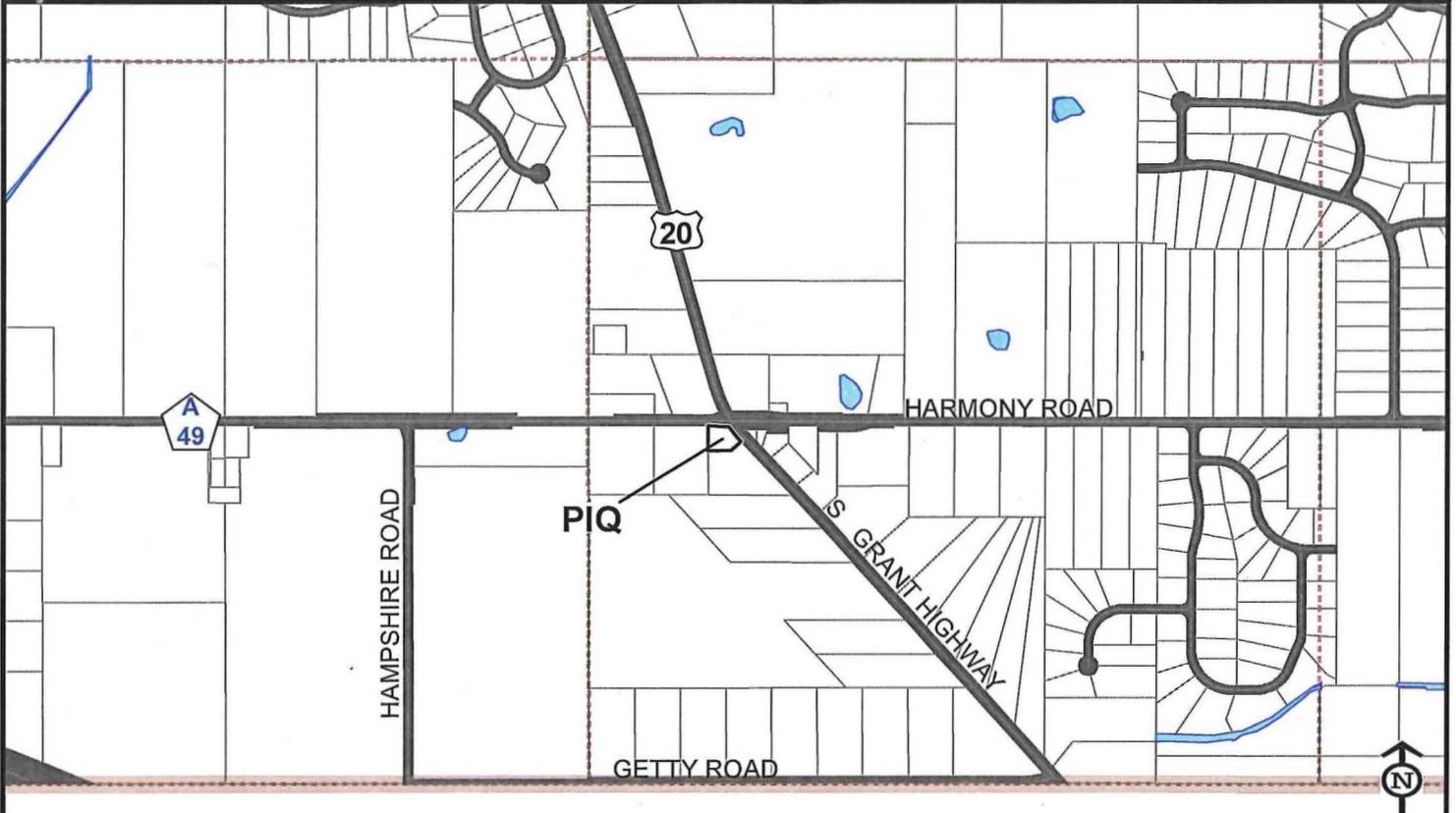
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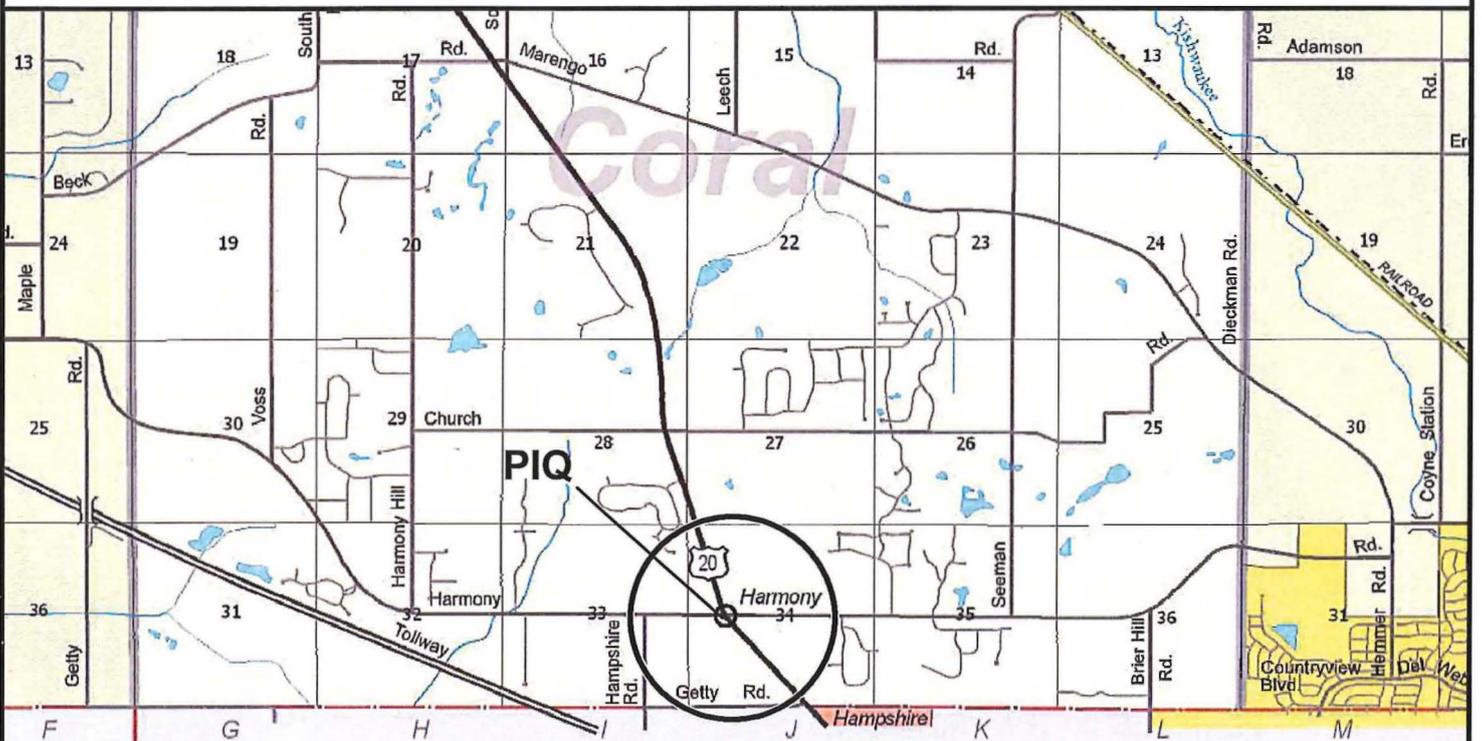
Location Map

16903 Harmony Road, Marengo, Illinois 60152

Coral Township



1 inch equals 1/4 mile



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KANE COUNTY

ELEVATION

Source: McHenry County Department of Planning and Development

1 inch equals 1 mile

**McHenry Co. Historical Preservation Commission**  
**August 7, 2013 - Report submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Liaison:**

On June 13, 2013, I attended the McHenry Township Special Meeting, which was called to consider a Resolution to accept Ostend Cemetery maintenance. After discussion, both pro and con, a vote was taken, 45 ayes and 1 nay. I requested that a copy of the executed Resolution, the agenda, and the minutes be provided for the Ostend Landmark file. The aforementioned is attached to this report. Please see it is filed in the Ostend file.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> I attended the Lake County Historic Alliance meeting at the Cuneo Mansion/Museum, in Vernon Hills. The program was presented by Kelly Tumminello, the Curator of the Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum, Benedictine University, Lisle. The program consisted of a report on damage created to their museum when someone broke in and turned on the Chemical Shower. It did several thousand dollars in damage to their collection. Father Suchy who was the retired curator came to assess the damage. It was so extensive that he died at the scene of a heart attack.

After the program we had a guided tour through the Mansion. The mansion was designed by architect Benjamin Marshall, who also designed the Edge Water Beach Hotel, and the Drake Hotel. Samuel Insull, the founder of Common Wealth Edison, hired Mr. Marshall to design a Mediterranean Villa on the 40 acres. He also hired Jens Jensen prominent landscape architect to design the gardens and natural areas. He asked Jens Jensen to design an outdoor theatre, as Mrs. Insull was an Opera singer. During the depression Mr. Insull lost the property, which included Hawthorn Melody Farm. The mansion was empty for 7 years, at which time Mr. Cuneo purchased it and the Hawthorn Melody Farm.

The Mansion has a 40 foot great Hall in the center of the structure. The great Hall has a retractable glass ceiling. The mansion is not air conditioned. I have included pictures of the entry, the great hall which includes a beautiful table, a gift from William R. Hurst, and many objects de art, the formal parlor, the ball room, the dining room (seats 20), the bath room, Mr. Cuneo's office, and the elevator.

The exterior of the villa has some interesting elements also. There are railings, terraces statuary, and the outdoor theatre at the far end of the swimming pool. The pool house is not original; it was built in the 1960's. I have included pictures of the aforementioned.

As previously mentioned Jens Jensen designed the landscape. When Mr. Cuneo purchased the Villa, he embellished the gardens with statuary and fountains reminiscent of his Italian heritage. The area not closely adjacent to the mansion still maintains the original Jensen design. The docent mentioned that on Sunday they would be having a garden walk, highlighting Jensen's original design.

I attended the Jensen garden walk on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. I have included the handout the docent provided. I also have pictures of the outdoor theatre, which is breathtaking and the "Clearing" a Jensen signature.

Mr. Cuneo's will/trust gifted the Mansion, its contents and surrounding land to Loyola University in 2010.

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Gloria Mack/Report.

On September 25th, the Joint Council of Historic Groups Meeting will held at the National Register Stickney House, in Bull Valley. We will have a tour of the house. Our program will include a history of the Stickney family.

McHenry Township Special Town Meeting 2013  
McHenry Township Hall – Cherry Room  
3703 North Richmond Road  
Johnsburg, Illinois 60051

June 13, 2013 at 7:45 pm

1. Call to Order (Town Clerk Marsha Nelson)
2. Call for nominations and election of Moderator
3. Public Input
4. Presentation and motion to Approve Resolution to Accept the Ostend Cemetery
5. Motion to Adjourn

MCHENRY TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
Ostend Cemetery

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF MCHENRY        S.S.  
TOWNSHIP OF MCHENRY

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES, JUNE 13, 2013

Clerk Nelson called meeting to order in the McHenry Township Hall at the posted time of 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Clerk called for nominations and election of Moderator.

Motion was made by Adams to nominate Donna Schaefer as Moderator of Special Meeting; motion was seconded by Neal Schepler all in favor, Carlile absent motion carried.

Moderator explained that this meeting was to discuss and decide if residents of McHenry Township would accept the donation from the Ostend Family of the Ostend Cemetery located on route 120 between McHenry and Wonder Lake, Illinois.

**Public input:**

Brief discussions explaining pros' and con's of accepting property.

**Motion** was made by Tom Quamme, seconded by Sue Rose to accept Ostend Cemetery into Township.

45 ayes

1 nay

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Special meeting by Neal Schepler and seconded by Tom Quamme all in favor motion carried.

This is a true and accurate record of McHenry Township Special Board Meeting  
6/13/13.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marsha Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Marsha Nelson, McHenry Township Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 130613A

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF OSTEND CEMETERY FROM  
THE OSTEND CEMETRY ASSOCIATION TO MCHENRY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Ostend Cemetery Association desires to donate certain real property to McHenry Township ("the Township"), said property being located at 6950 Illinois Route 120, McHenry, Illinois (see letter and attached legal description hereto as Exhibit "A"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that said property be accepted from Ostend Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, the Ostend Cemetery was designated as an historical landmark by the McHenry County Board in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a Special Township Meeting has been called pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/35-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY MCHENRY TOWNSHIP:

SECTION 1: That the Supervisor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to accept certain real property located at 6950 Illinois Route 120, McHenry, Illinois from Ostend Cemetery Association or such owner of record said property commonly known as the Ostend Cemetery said property being more particularly described as follows:

Exhibit "A"

SECTION 2: That the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and record any necessary documents to effectuate the transfer of said property, subject to Township Attorney review.

SECTION 3: That upon acceptance and recording of said transfer documents, the Township will assume responsibility of said property.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

Ayes: 45

Nays: 1

Abstain: 0

Adopted: June 13, 2013

**SPECIAL TOWNSHIP MEETING**

APPROVED:

*Donna G. Schaefer*

**Township Supervisor**

ATTEST:

*Thomas J. DeKor*

**Township Clerk**

February 25, 2013

Donna Schaefer  
Supervisor of McHenry Township  
3703 N. Richmond Road  
Johnsburg, IL 60051

Dear Supervisor Schaefer,

After consulting with all of the Ostend Cemetery Association trustees, it has been decided that we would like McHenry Township to consider assuming control of the Ostend Cemetery. The members of our association would like to insure that the cemetery will continue to be kept up and cared for. As our members become older and move away, this has become increasingly difficult. The association has a balance of approximately \$13,000 which would be transferred with the property to the new board.

The Ostend Cemetery Association would greatly appreciate the consideration of this matter. We would like to insure the preservation of the cemetery which was established shortly after McHenry County was formed.

Sincerely,



Alan Belcher,  
Secretary

## Gail Brown

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**Subject:** FW: Camp Algonquin  
**Attachments:** CA\_BuildingSurvey 1.pdf

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**From:** Gail Brown  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 12:18 PM  
**To:** 'Steve Greeley'; 'Shawn Phillips'  
**Subject:** Camp Algonquin

Shawn and Steve: Thanks for meeting me out at Camp Algonquin so that you could see it first hand for yourself.

After further looking at the materials that Amy Peters had sent us just prior to the visit, it was an outsourced feasibility study done by an architectural firm from Aurora (PHN Architects), so the barn foundation evaluation was done by an architect on their staff.

Also to both of you, the "Ritz" was that little cabin in between the Dining Hall and the Tribune Dormitories. I have attached the survey to this. It is the one labeled as "Cabin" on the survey and is the one we were looking at, but did not go up close to it. - - - Thanks again - - - See you next week. - - - Gail



*McHenry County*  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Fox Bluff / Camp Algonquin  
Conservation Area

## Structural Building and Adaptive Re-Use Feasibility Study

FINAL REPORT  
February 21, 2013

prepared by:

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# Fox Bluff / Camp Algonquin Conservation Area Structural Building and Adaptive Re-Use Feasibility Study Final Report

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## Executive Summary



As part of the Master Planning process related to the Fox Bluff Conservation Area, the McHenry County Conservation District sought outside professional services to assess the condition of selected existing buildings at the former Camp Algonquin facility located within the Fox Bluff Conservation Area site owned by the District. PHN Architects was selected in September of 2012 to perform an assessment of existing conditions and renovation design concepts for six existing buildings at the Camp Algonquin site.

Prior to its closure in 2011, Camp Algonquin had served as a not-for-profit social service provider for children, women, and families for over 100 years. Although Camp Algonquin contains dozens of existing structures, the Conservation District selected six structures on the site for further study and feasibility analysis, with preliminary re-purposing visions for each structure. PHN conducted a thorough assessment of building envelope, building structure, accessibility, life safety, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing concerns for each of the six selected buildings, and created measured drawings and preliminary digital Building Information Models of each building. The preliminary results of these findings were presented to District staff in October 2012 and to the District's Board of Trustees in November 2012.

Following the presentation and review of existing condition information to the District, PHN prepared preliminary design concepts for renovation of each of the six structures; these concepts were presented to District staff and refined over several meetings between October and December 2012. Concurrent with these design studies by PHN were Business Plan Modeling and Market Research studies performed by District staff to identify similar facilities in the surrounding area. This market feasibility study combined with the existing condition assessment conducted by PHN led to the decision by the District to focus concept development efforts on three structures at the site; one former dormitory building, the Recreation Hall, and the Dining Hall. Design concepts for re-purposing of each of these buildings were developed and refined between December and January, and final design concepts and associated costs were presented to the District's Board of Trustees at its regular meeting on January 17, 2013.

This report includes a statement of process and methodology for assessing the condition of each of the structures, information regarding the existing conditions for each structure, final design concepts for renovation of each of the three selected structures, and associated preliminary cost estimates.

## History of Camp Algonquin Buildings



Dairy Barn

The *Dairy Barn* is located close to the entrance to the site, and is thought to be constructed near the turn of the 20th century by the previous property owner. The structure is a traditional, heavy-timber framed building with a cellar, main level, and loft. The building's most recent use prior to the closure of Camp Algonquin was for storage of tools and maintenance equipment.



Tribune Dormitory #2

The three *Tribune Dormitories* (so named as a result of funding provided by the Tribune Company) were constructed between 1907 and 1909. Dormitories #1 and #3 were constructed as single-level, barracks-style buildings intended for multiple campers to sleep in one or more large open rooms, with restrooms and support facilities attached. Dormitory #2 was originally constructed as a kitchen and dining hall facility serving Dormitories #1 and #3.



Recreation Hall

One of the first buildings constructed at the camp, *Recreation Hall* was constructed in 1909. Its original purpose was a kitchen and dining hall for the lower portion of the camp property. The building received a significant addition in the 1980s to incorporate it into a multi-use facility. As a result of the renovation, the original building was re-purposed for use as a single large gathering or gymnasium space. The two buildings that were constructed south of the existing Recreation Hall have sustained severe damage from leaking roofs over the years and are anticipated to be demolished under any re-purposing scenario.



Dining Hall

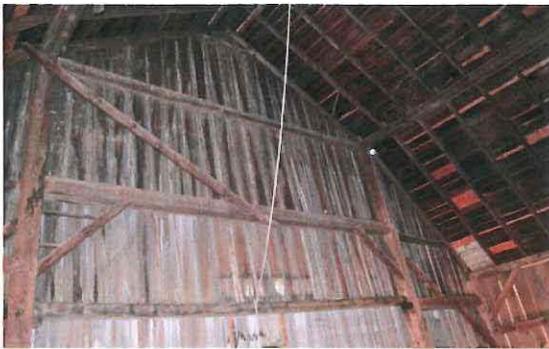
The *Dining Hall* was constructed in 1981 and designed by the Elgin-based firm of Burnidge Cassell Associates. Designed in what was a contemporary aesthetic at the time, it is the largest single building on the site and the only facility with two levels of publicly accessible space.



Exterior



Floor support structure



Heavy timber wall structure

## Existing Conditions Analysis - Dairy Barn

### *Building Structure*

The Dairy Barn is a traditional heavy timber structure typical of similar barns constructed during the early 20th century. Its foundation is a combination of mortared stone and concrete. Some crumbling and spalling of concrete was observed, as well as numerous cracks. These observations are consistent with foundation settlement and freeze-thaw damage to the foundation. The exterior walls and main floor of the barn structure are framed in heavy timber. The heavy timber posts and beams supporting the main floor of the barn structure are in varying condition; the foundation structure for these interior posts is undetermined at this time. Some of the interior posts and beams appear to have sustained some minor damage over time, possibly from equipment and heavy use. The main floor, loft, and roof of the barn are framed in traditional dimensional lumber; floor structures are bridged for lateral stability. Roof, wall, and floors are sheathed in 1X boards, typical of wood construction of the era before plywood sheathing. The stair leading to the barn's loft appears to be recently constructed, of newer "nominal" wood materials.

## Existing Conditions Analysis - Dairy Barn

### *Building Envelope*

The majority of the structure is clad with siding of different materials and sizes and is generally in acceptable condition, but requires painting and caulking. Fascia boards around the building are damaged and require replacement. The building's roof consists of three-tab asphalt shingles, which are curling and losing granulation in several areas, particularly at the shallower sloped sections of the roof. With the exception of one exterior door at the main level (which appears to be a recent replacement), doors and windows appear to be original to the structure and are significantly deteriorated.

### *Interior Finishes*

No interior finishes exist at the Dairy Barn; the building's structure is completely exposed from the interior.



Exterior siding



Roofing

## Existing Conditions Analysis - Dairy Barn

### *Life Safety*

Neither a fire alarm nor an automatic sprinkler system exists within this structure. Although many buildings of similar structure and materials can last hundreds of years, the combination of a completely combustible structure and storage uses (especially of gas-powered equipment) results in significantly more fire events than structures of other types.

### *Mechanical Systems*

No mechanical systems exist at the Dairy Barn except for very small attic exhaust fans.

### *Electrical Systems*

Very basic electrical service exists at the Dairy Barn, served from an overhead pole. An exterior security light is mounted on the south elevation of the building. Basic, exposed-lamp fixtures are installed throughout the facility. Most of the lighting in the loft area was installed with flexible conduit, generally not allowed by most model codes for the purposes installed here. Basic service receptacles are installed on the lower level of the barn.

### *Plumbing Systems*

No plumbing systems exist at the Dairy Barn.

### *Accessibility*

There is no accessible route to any level of the building, nor is there an accessible route connecting any of the building's three levels.



Gas-powered equipment stored in lower level



Basic lighting fixtures



Lack of accessible route to loft



Barn structure



Roofing and siding

## Existing Conditions Analysis - Dairy Barn

### *Recommendations For Preservation / Future Use Of The Dairy Barn:*

- The installation of an automatic fire alarm system is highly recommended. Most public or storage occupancies may also require installation of an automatic sprinkler system.
- Forensic testing by a qualified testing agency or consultant should be performed to verify the condition of foundation walls and major load-bearing members of the structure.
- The roof should be replaced. Ice and water shield membrane should be installed at all locations recommended by roofing manufacturers, particularly at areas of slopes lower than 3:12.
- Exterior siding should be painted with a high quality exterior grade paint and professional caulked.
- Electrical service to the structure should be upgraded.

## Existing Conditions Analysis – Recreation Hall



Recreation Hall exterior



East-facing porch;severely deteriorated roofing



Interior exposed structure and lighting

### *Building Structure*

Recreation Hall is a traditional wood-framed structure typical of residential construction of the era. Foundations consist of a series of concrete piers which directly support the floor and wall structures above. Some cracking and spalling of concrete was observed at the support piers. Walls are conventionally framed with dimensional lumber, as are roof rafters. The roof structure appears to be a newer trussed configuration with plywood sheathing. Because these materials were not available in 1909, it is probable that the roof structure is not the original structure. This building has an east-facing porch which is deteriorating rapidly, particularly at the stairs. Some deterioration of the wood support structure at the porch was observed.

### *Building Envelope*

Recreation Hall is sided in cedar shakes that are likely original to the structure. Areas of siding are missing on each building. Painting and caulking of the siding is necessary. The roof is a three-tab asphalt shingle system in need of replacement. Windows appear to have been replaced at approximately the same time as construction of the 1980's era structures immediately to the south, and are in fair condition. The building doors appear to have been replaced at this time as well.

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# TRIBUNE DORM 1 BUILDING

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WOOD DECK

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ROOF OVER WOOD DECK

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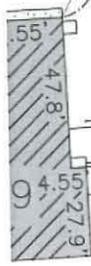
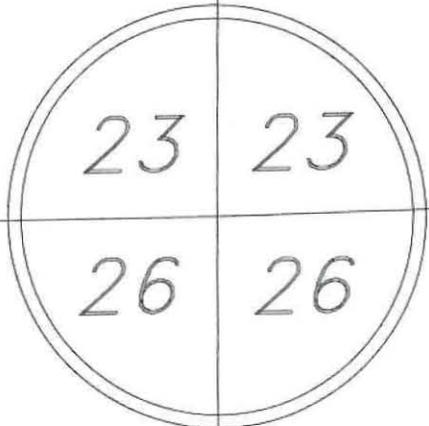
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Photos provided

ABOVE: Laurie Selpien of Lake in the Hills re-created a World War I-era garden for the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry. BELOW: Nearly 20,000 women responded to the government's call to action during World War I. These female farm laborers, called "farmerettes," tilled the soil, planted, picked and packaged produce.

# Modern-day farmerette

## Laurie Selpien leads Victory Garden effort for food pantry

By KURT BEGALKA  
editorial@nwherald.com

Part of our past is taking root in Lake in the Hills. Laurie Selpien, a Carpentersville native, a 13-year resident of Lake in the Hills and a member of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission, launched the idea of re-creating a World War I-era garden at the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry last year. With assistance from Jacobs High School's environmental club, the Green Eagles, it is soaring to new heights.

Four hundred families a year benefit from the vegetables grown in between and behind a village-owned horse stable and public works garage at 1113 Pyott Road in Lake in the Hills.

"Last year, we grew just under 4,000 pounds of food – 3,000 at the food pantry and 1,000 pounds of food at the water treatment plant in Algonquin," Selpien said.

But there has been a learning curve.

"I started out with a Victory Garden theme. Then I found out that I had to teach people what food was first," Selpien said. "If it didn't have directions on the side of the box, they didn't know how to cook it."

Selpien, a self-taught organic gardener, incorporates a sustainable approach when directing volunteers and working with pantry clients. That meant relying on "companion planting" rather than insecticides to discourage pests and – in a donated greenhouse – a "double watering" system that allows plants to wick up only the moisture they need.

Because Selpien prefers not to work in mud, she opted for 15 raised beds framed with cedar planks to avoid too much runoff from the parking lot and from the buildings that abut it on either side.

"My first goal is to feed people," Selpien said. "But



I also have a lot of heritage seeds, seeds that are disappearing that you can't find anymore. We have green beans that originally came across [the ocean] on the Mayflower and a green bean they found on the Lewis and Clark expedition."

Selpien said heirloom varieties, which she insists taste better and pack more nutritional value, are disappearing at a precipitous rate. The nearly 500 varieties of lettuce available in 1903 have been whittled down to 36.

"As far as disease resistance, we're playing with fire," she said. "During the last 20 years, the nutritional value of our food has dropped 40 percent."

She produces a bevy of statistics to back up the benefit of home-grown produce. On average, the produce you buy at a typical grocery store has traveled nearly 1,500 miles. No wonder Mother Earth News reported that of the 36 million gardening households, more than half reported growing their food because it tastes better and saves them money on groceries.

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• **GARDEN**  
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Tomatoes were far and away the most popular crop.

"People are able to taste food the way it is really supposed to taste," Selpien said.

The 19-acre site that houses the pantry also includes an orchard and three times the garden space compared with last year. The selection includes pretty much every vegetable someone could imagine, plus a few they wouldn't. The Trail of Tears bean from Seed Savers Exchange, for example, was carried by the Cherokee Indians during their infamous death march to Oklahoma in 1838.

During the first and second world wars, families were encouraged to do their patriotic duty and help themselves eat better by growing their own vegetable gardens. Illinois Superintendent of Schools Vernon Nekell urged his colleagues to establish Victory Gardens on school grounds and educate students to do likewise at home. The program extended into home economics classes, where girls learned how to can fruit and vegetables. In 1917, an estimated half a million quarts of canned fruits and vegetables were produced. The next year, that figure jumped to 1.45 million quarts.

During World War II, an estimated 20 million people followed the example of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who

grew her own vegetable garden on the White House lawn. By 1943, these "war gardens" were producing 8 million tons of food – about 40 percent of all the vegetables Americans were eating. Fred B. Morgan, Victory Garden chairman in McHenry County, worked to secure land for community gardens. Hundreds of lots were made available by J.J. Wallace at no charge in country club additions on the south shore of Crystal Lake. The Chicago & North Western Railroad also donated several acres.

"Victory gardening is everywhere in evidence," the Crystal Lake Herald reported in May 1943. "Many persons now have potatoes, peas, onions and other crops planted. On weekends and evenings it is common sight to see just about everyone working in their garden."

The homegrown food effort also had the added effect of boosting morale, coincidentally something that is occurring today in Lake in the Hills, as well as in Harvard.

"We're taking public land and turning it into food. That is exactly what I'm going for," Selpien said. "People are trying food that they would have never tried before. I had a woman who actually got excited about zucchini."

• *Kurt Begalka is administrator for the McHenry County Historical Society.*

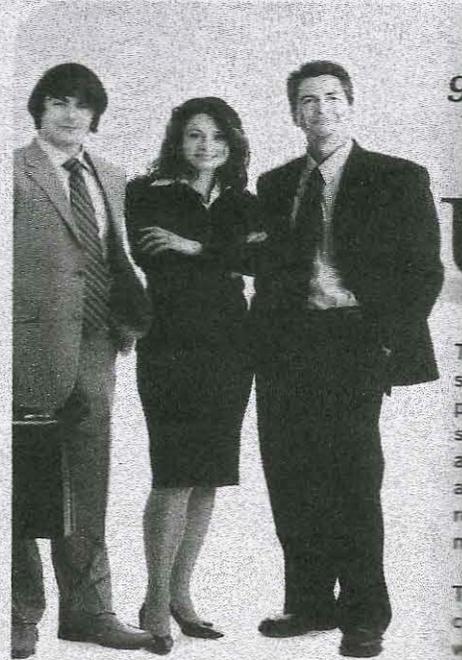
**McHenry County Historical Society events**

• From 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, the McHenry County Historical Society and members of the Wilson/Weyland Family of Marengo will host a free open house at two nearby historical sites. Both sites, the 1867 limestone Pringle one-room school house and the pre-Civil War "Stewart's Scottish Cemetery," are north of Marengo on River Road.

As an added attraction this year, First Presbyterian Church of Marengo, at 203 W. Washington St., will be open for tours led by church historian Fran Wright. Scottish settlers were Presbyterian.

Also, the historical society museum, 6422 Main St. in Union, will be selling a variety of garden plants at deep discounts during its regular visiting hours from 1 to 4 p.m. that day.

• The McHenry County Historical Society's Perkins Hall Players present "Path to Lakemoor – The Dissolution of Lily Lake" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the old Seneca Township Hall, now called Perkins Hall, at the corner of Franklinville and Garden Valley Roads southwest of Woodstock.



NOMINEE'S NAME

TITLE

COMPANY

ADDRESS

EMAIL

On a separate piece of paper, explain why you are nominating this person for consideration. Please list additional business achievements, volunteerism, philanthropy, etc.

NOMINATOR'S NAME/PHONE NUMBER:

NOMINATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE

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**Audrey Martin**

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 4:34 PM  
**To:** Audrey Martin  
**Subject:** Chairman Report

Since our last regular meeting, I took a tour of the Camp Algonquin site with Gail, Shawn and Dave from MCCD who is the caretaker of the property. I am disappointed that so many decent buildings will be torn down but the tour helped me better realize the amount of work that would have to go into the site to make it useful. I first questioned MCCD even taking such a site that could have a commercial purpose but now I better understand the beautiful wooded space on the hills along the river that will now be preserved forever. Regardless of whether MCCD bought it or it was kept in private hands, if there were to be a use, all buildings would need to be fixed, including ADA compliance, asbestos removal and serious renovation efforts. The camp clearly operated under a slim budget as evidenced by the particle board lining most walls of the buildings and to ever get those buildings in proper shape to be profitable would be a difficult task.

The Rec Hall is in the best shape and the plans for its renovation will preserve its historic character. It will be a great example of the remainder of the older buildings which were very similar. The Ritz dorm will be preserved by the Historic Society and is a great example of that style of building. The barn on the property looks to be in excellent condition and it would be great if a use could be explored by MCCD.

The Sawyer Mill in Huntley is in need of a plan for its use by the end of the month. Please inform anyone you can to help with this. The best ideas I have heard for the building is to use parts as an artist studio, history museum and/or indoor farmer's market to supplement the outdoor street market they already have on the square.

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McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission

Report submitted by Gloria Mack

10/02/2013

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**Audrey Martin**

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2013 3:53 PM  
**To:** Audrey Martin  
**Subject:** Chairman report

I have been involved in our big push to try to get the survey grant. The application was completed and processes are ongoing to get this approved by the county and the state. The help of Sean, Audrey, Trish, Darrell and Dennis are very much appreciated as we try to meet this goal.

This month the conservation district confirmed that the barn, ritz, dorm 2 and the Rec Hall will be preserved. The barn will first be used for storage and the ritz will be moved to another location on the property. Kurt Begalka will see if the tribune dorm can be used for meetings.

I also attended the joint council meeting with Gloria, Trish, Sue and Shawn and a great presentation on the history of the Stickney house was provided by its foundation president Nicole Horn. I also spoke with Diane McGowan who owns the Haligus road school and she will be submitting her application for landmark status and invited us to go to the property.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kurt Begaika  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 17:08  
 To: Sean Foley  
 Subject: Camp Algonquin summary

MCCD voted Sept. 19 to preserve four structures in Camp Algonquin. They are the 1900 barn, which the board agreed to mothball (maintain but not let the public in), Tribune dormitory II (whose ultimate use remains up in the air), the Ritz cabin (which will be moved to the property's periphery - most likely by Cary-Algonquin Road - and maintained by the Historical Society as a place for interpretive history of the camp in the future), and the Activity Hall (which will be retrofitted inside to accommodate weddings and bridal parties. One of the three buildings that make up the Activity Center also is being torn down.) These buildings will be buttoned up to avoid critters and the elements from getting in, and they will continue to be heated.

Utilities will be cut to the remainder and nature allowed to take its course. There is not sufficient funds for demolition at this juncture.

All of the buidings will emptied of their contents, which the district then will auction off (if memory serves) in October. We are working a draft Memorandum of Understanding with the district in an effort to gain the right of first refusal for memorabilia such as signs, camp furniture and documents that could be displaced when this occurs.

Getting back to Trib dormitory, I would very much like to collaborate with the county Historic Preservation Commission as well as other interested historic groups to use that space for meetings and programming. Those of us located west of Route 47 know how important it is to be near the population base. The Land Conservancy and the Northern Illinois Fire Museum already have expressed interest, but - obviously - there are a lot of details that still must be sorted out moving forward.

Take heart, thanks to your efforts we saved an important piece of history!

Kurt

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 Kurt Begaika  
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**Report submitted by Gloria Mack**  
**10/02/2013**

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**Peterson Farm Foundation:** I am serving as an advisor to the Peterson Farm Foundation Group. They have encountered a snag. To file the Federal Form it requires \$400.00. Chairman, Pat Wirtz will be meeting with Mayor Low, to see if the city would be willing to pay the fee. If not, I suggested that we all contribute to get this accomplished.

**Subdivision Histories,** Nancy Fike called and she will be contacting the Subdivision Historians for a meeting. She will provide us a format for the history.

**Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Oct 2, 2013 6:30 PM (APPROVAL OF MINUTES)**

**Department of Planning and Development**  
**McHenry County Government Center - Administration Building**

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**To:** Joe Gottemoller, Chairman, and members of the Planning and Development Committee

**From:** Dennis Sandquist, Director of Planning and Development  
 Sean Foley, Staff Liaison, Historic Preservation Commission

**Date:** 25 September, 2013

**Subject:** Historic Preservation Commission Matching Grant Application

**Action Requested:**

Authorize the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to apply for a Historic Preservation Matching Grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), and to issue and Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified consultant do perform the survey if a grant is obtained. Acceptance of any grant award will require a formal resolution approving an emergency appropriation and identifying the source of the required matching funds.

**Background:**

Since 1998, the HPC has been working on a project known as the Rural Intensive Survey. The Rural Intensive Survey is a field study of structures in unincorporated areas in McHenry County that may have historical significance. The survey seeks to update and build upon a "windshield survey" conducted in 1986. This work has been funded in part by the IHPA through matching grant programs, which were approved by the County Board. To date, nine of the seventeen townships in the County have been completed under two previous IHPA grants and eight more remain to be completed. A Rural Survey project was begun for Hebron Township in 2011 that was being conducted by the some of the commissioners themselves with no grant funding. However, only a few square-mile sections in the northeastern part of the township had been surveyed by the summer of 2013. Much of the Commission considers this inadequate progress.

**Discussion:**

The Commission had applied for a matching grant last year (FY 2013). No grant was awarded, despite the IHPA having rural survey funds available and having encouraged the Commission to apply for those grant monies. Chairman Greeley contacted the IHPA for advice about improving the Commission's application. He related that the IHPA is far more confident in applications in

Attachment: P & D - Minutes - HRC - Grant - Minutes of 10/1/13 - 2014 - 2013 - Historic Preservation Grant Application

which a qualified professional consultant is integral to the application. Therefore, for this grant cycle, the Commission would seek consultant proposals using the process required by the McHenry County Purchasing Ordinance. The number of townships to be surveyed would depend on the consultant's bid and the grant award.

The Historic Preservation Commission requests authorization to pursue a FY 2014 Matching Grant for an Intensive Survey of Rural Historic Structures to finish at least one township during FY 2014. If awarded all reports and transactions related to the Survey and Matching Grant award would need to be completed by July, 2015.

**Impact on Human Resources:**

No impact on human resources.

**Impact on Budget (Revenue, Expenses, Fringe Benefits):**

Assuming a grant of \$30,000, the Commission would like to apply for a 70% grant of \$21,000 with a 30% matching County share in the amount of \$9,000. Part of the County contribution would be drawn from the regular Historic Preservation Commission budget, which appropriation currently totals \$2,500.00 per year. Precise figures would depend upon an award of contract to a successful consultant. Accepting the award would require a formal resolution approving an emergency appropriation and identifying the source of the required matching funds.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:**

No capital expenditures apply.

**Impact on Physical Space:**

No impact on Physical Space.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:**

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is the sponsoring grant agency, and IHPA funding would greatly benefit the HPC's historic preservation mission and McHenry County.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances and Policies:**

Approval and acceptance of the grant would conform to the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance and generally to County Board Ordinances and Policies.

**Attachments/Appendices:**

None.

**Audrey Martin**

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**From:** Steve Greeley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2013 2:52 PM  
**To:** Audrey Martin

Chairman's Report

This month has involved a flurry of activity related to the survey grant. On October 3 I met with the P and D committee and they approved our ability to obtain grant funding for the local match and subsequent to that the folks at the planning department have done a great job with preparing the request for proposal and arranging for the purchasing department to schedule meetings with the best applicants. I along with Sean, Darrell Moore Matt Hansel with P and D and Djuana Leonard with the purchasing department interviewed Marcy Prchal and Kevin McGowan with U of I and Rochelle Lurie and Catherine Bird with Midwest Archeological and both groups were well-qualified do the work and we were hoping that the latter group would reduce their price to be in line with the U of I bid but they were not willing to do so. There was a consensus with the group that interviewed them that we cannot pass up the great deal, resources and expertise we will be getting with U of I. If the group approves including them with our bid we will submit the bid by the November 12 deadline and hopefully we will be able to start work early next year. Discussions were also had about the possibility of us funding at least one township with them even if we do not get the grant.

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**McHenry County Historical Preservation Commission**  
**November 6, 2013 Meeting**  
**Submitted by Gloria Mack**

**Municipal Society:**

I have enclosed an article on the Ostend Cemetery in the last McHenry Township newsletter.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> I attended a meeting regarding the Peterson Farmstead Foundation. Vern Schiller, a Foundation member noted that the McHenry County Community Foundation has monies set aside for the restoration of the calf barn at Peterson. After our meeting we met with Mayor Sue Low and City Manager Derek Morefield at the McHenry City Hall. We wanted to get some idea what the commitment of the City was toward Peterson. Mayor Low said they have a strong commitment toward Peterson and the promises made to Bobby Peterson prior to his passing. We also asked if the city had funds to help the foundation with the 501C (3) filing fee. (\$700.) Derek Morefield was going to check with the city treasurer.

Vern Schiller, Pat Wirtz and I talked today regarding the Foundation. We came to a consensus that perhaps since the City owned the farm and the Foundations only purpose was to raise money. We could probably accomplish the same thing by setting up an advisory committee and have the donations for the farm go through the City of McHenry. Since they are the owners they would have the final say regarding farm improvements. Pat has a landmark Commission meeting on 11/5 and he will see how they feel about Plan B.

**Education:**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> I spoke to 100 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Grant school from Marengo (15 in each group). I talked about Luke Gannon and his immigration from Ireland to American by a six week trip by ship. Luke was 15 when he immigrated. Most of the kids were interested in his courage to cross the sea to New York and then to Illinois to work on the IM Canal. I asked the children what was an immigrant and each group had a few that knew. I also asked them what Luke advantage Luke had over other immigrants. None of them knew, I told them he spoke English. But the item that interested the most was that 8 people lived in the 8x8 cabin. That was hard for them to comprehend.

I was the cabin girl again for the Cider Fest the following Sunday.

## A TRADITION CONTINUES...

The Blue Star Flag was created in 1917, hanging in homes to denote family members serving our Armed Forces; each star represents a family member proudly serving our country. The idea spread to include businesses and churches, a star for each employee or member who had gone to war. The program was reimplemented during World Wars I & II honoring those serving our country.



John & Susan Lusk, parents of Specialist Joseph Lusk U.S. Army

If one or more members of your family is on active military duty, apply for a banner through **McHenry Township's Blue Star Banner Program**. Your banner displayed in the window of your home indicates to the community your pride in your family member's service to our country. The township-wide Blue Star Banner program carries on the tradition of showing support for those serving our country.

Three times a year at a Special Award Ceremony during a McHenry Township Board meeting the family is presented with a Blue Star Banner and a special Resolution. These ceremonies are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in March, July and November. The public is welcome!

The presentations are made by McHenry Township and Beta Omicron Master, a McHenry non-collegiate service sorority. In addition to the sorority contributing the banners, they have hung a Blue Star Banner plaque in the entry foyer of the Township office building with brass plates inscribed with the names of each serviceman. The plaque commemorates the service to our country of each honoree and indicates that their family has received a Blue Star Banner.

If you are a McHenry Township resident and a member of your family is serving in the armed forces including the National Guard and Reserves of all military departments—you qualify! To be eligible, the serviceman does not have to be forward deployed.

For more information or to download an application go to: [www.mchenrytownship.com/](http://www.mchenrytownship.com/) E-mail the completed form to: [clerk@mchenrytownship.com](mailto:clerk@mchenrytownship.com) or fax it to: 815-385-5671 or mail it to: **McHenry Township Blue Star Banner Program** 3703 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg, IL 60051 For more information call the McHenry Township Clerk Marsha Nelson at 815-385-5605.



Cindi & Marty Stoffel, parents of Private First Class Eric Snyder, U.S. Army Petty Officer Matthew Snyder, U.S. Navy



Michael & Diana Friske, parents of Vanessa newly married wife of 2nd Lt. Michael D. Friske, U.S. Army



Paige Hughes, wife of & her mother: Private First Class Jeremy Hughes; U.S. Army

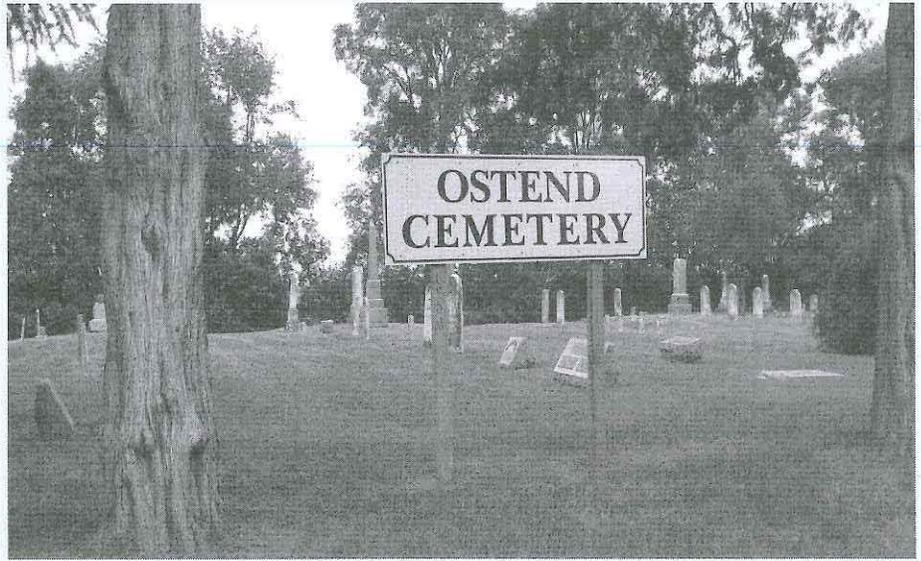


Tom Ostrow, father & stepmother Cindy with parent-in-laws Mr. & Mrs. Story of: Petty Officer 1st Class Dan Ostrow U.S. Navy

**OSTEND CEMETERY—PRESERVING A HISTORIC CEMETERY**

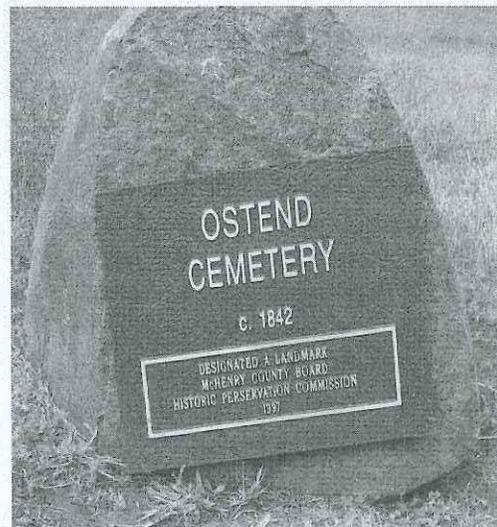
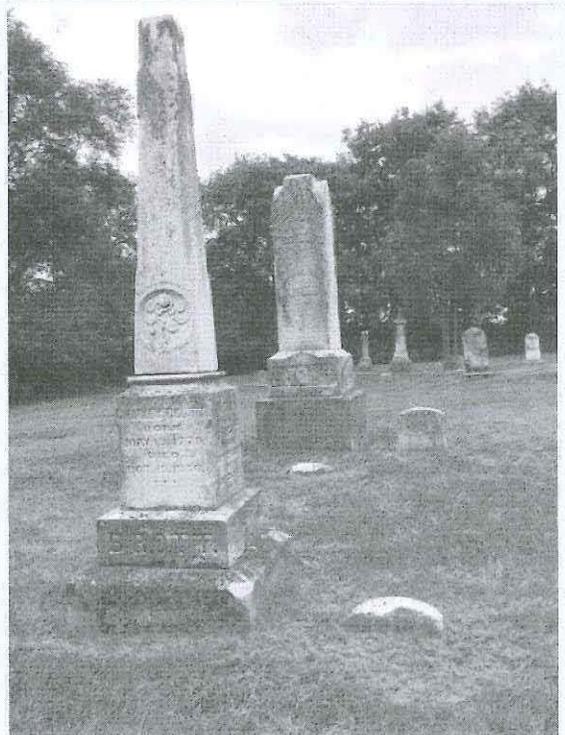
On June 13, 2013, McHenry Township adopted a resolution accepting the donation of Ostend Cemetery from the Ostend Cemetery Association to McHenry Township. Now more than 50 years after the last person was buried at Ostend Cemetery, the retiring cemetery board members donated the property to avoid a situation where the cemetery would become abandoned.

The transfer of the property and the available funding established to assist with the administration of the cemetery was made in the best interest of the McHenry Township community; we are preserving this historical landmark. Acceptance of the cemetery will not negatively impact the Township budget. Regular maintenance will be done by the parks and facilities staff and will not require any additional staff.



The story of Omsend Cemetery begins with Apollos Thompson, a descendant of John Thompson of the Old Plymouth colony. Thompson left Massachusetts to settle in this area in 1842 when he purchased 320 acres of prime farmland with \$400. His wife Lucinda and their children later joined him but tragedy struck the family when Lucinda died within six weeks of relocating. Thompson set aside an acre of land for a cemetery that became known as the Thompson Burying Grounds.

The acre plot would later be consecrated and made into a community cemetery. The community burying ground would come to be called Ostend Cemetery, named after the small Dutch town that grew around it. The name was changed in 1879 to reflect community ties with the school, post office and stagecoach stop. Grave markers indicate interments representing nearly every family in the early neighborhood.



All that is left of the Ostend community are the grave markers which serve as a directory of early residents and reflect the ethnic diversity and unique population of this area. This hallowed one-acre plot is on Route 120 just west of the City of McHenry. The cemetery was designated and plaqued a historical landmark in September 1997. Incidentally, Township Supervisor Donna Schaefer, then a County Board member, gave the dedication presentation address at its landmark dedication.

If you want to learn more about the Ostend community you can read *Ostend: An Early History of the Ostend and Bull Valley Area* by Loren Thompson. The book is available at the McHenry County Historical Society's Museum Gift Shop; for further information visit their website at [www.mchsonline.org](http://www.mchsonline.org)

**Gloria Mack**

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**From:** "Pat Wirtz"  
**Date:** Sunday, October 20, 2013 12:41 PM  
**To:** "HistA-Gloria Mack"  
**Subject:** Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation

- I know some of you cannot attend lunch and will only attend the 2:00 pm meeting.
- See you at *Green Street Café* at 12:30 pm (or 2:00 pm at City Hall).
- I'll touch base with all of you Sunday evening.
- Don't forget to place your ideas, thoughts, comments & concerns on paper to bring to the City Hall Mtg..
- If you cannot attend lunch, please send those ideas to me by email.
- Thank you for all that you do!

Pat

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st at 2:00 pm at City Hall. Could those members attending – Pat Schafer, Vern Schiller, Greg Lofgren, James Johnson & myself – meet for lunch at 12:30 pm on that same Monday to discuss/have a pre-meeting to place our ideas on paper? We'll meet at *Green Street Cafe*. Pat

- *Green Street Cafe 12:30 pm*
- City Hall 2:00 pm

Hello Sue. I'd like to schedule a meeting with you, Bill Hobson & City Manager Derek Morefield with a committee of Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation members including Vern Schiller, Greg Lofgren, Pat Schafer, James Johnson & myself for the week of October 21 – 25 (at your convenience with day & time). We'd like to update you on where we're at with regards to the Foundation and focus upon the future of the Foundation and Petersen Farm. Thank you. Pat Wirtz

10/30/2013

**Gloria Mack**

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**From:** "James Johnson"  
**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2013 5:05 PM

Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation (DRAFT TEXT--NOT FOR RELEASE)

In 2012 the McHenry Landmark Commission assumed responsibility for startup of a new farm foundation, to be called the Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation, as a 501(c)3 organization. Bylaws and articles of incorporation were written and submitted to the State of Illinois.

The Foundation's mission is "To preserve, develop, maintain and provide a public educational facility at a historic farmstead that will graphically explain and promote the agricultural heritage of the City of McHenry, demonstrate the challenges and rewards of farm family life in the 19th and early 20th Centuries and retain a link with the pioneers of our Northern Illinois region." The Foundation's purpose is "educational and to preserve a historic agricultural asset."

The McHenry Park District, Landmark Commission, "Tractors for Charity" and other groups have used the property for community events. Six "Farm Day" celebrations have been held, each with over 1,500 attendees. Local residents and visitors have commented that these farm events are among their favorite Summer activities. The Foundation will build upon this substantial community interest and bring the Farm to its potential as an important resident and tourist attraction for the City. Corporate and other foundation support, government grants and public donations will enable a visitor center with educational programs and agricultural displays. Grants and volunteers will help with facility repair and development.

We ask that the McHenry City Council give its approval and support to the Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation.

10/22/2013

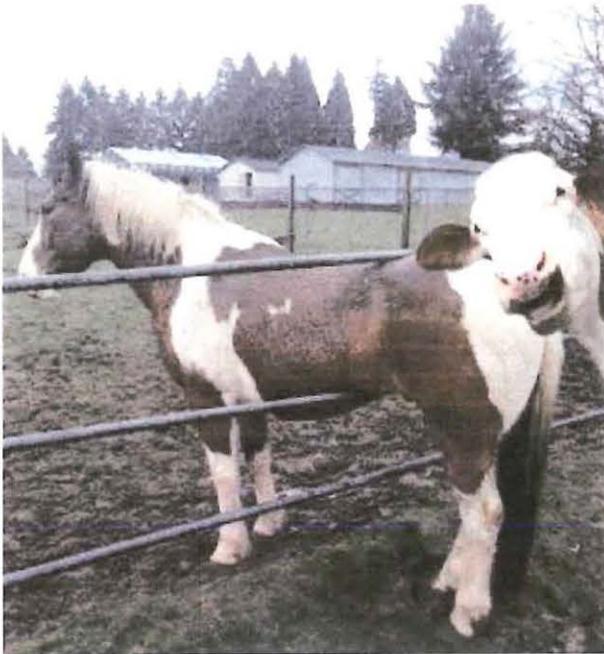
**Gloria Mack**

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**From:** "Pat Wirtz"  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 30, 2013 3:03 PM

**A quick update on our Colby-Petersen Farm Foundation:  
Vern has found \$500 for the Foundation plus a 'friend' on his County Foundation  
who is to meet with us to help fill out the 501c3 Form on Friday.  
Does anyone have any updates or info to share? Pat**

**PS for your farm amusement:  
No matter how bad your day is going, it can't be worse  
than getting stuck in a fence with a cow laughing at you!**



DATE: 10/4 TIME 9:00 SCHOOL Grant GRADE 4

TEACHER Shari Bruening #CLASSES 4 #STUDENTS 100

Docents: 1. Gail Hayes 2. Rod Poppe  
 3. Dan Ring 4. Gay Mather to shadow

Please keep track of time so as to let the demonstrators know when you have to switch groups or move the group on.

SCHOOLHOUSE	20 minutes	Teacher - <u>Judy Eames</u>
5 minutes to switch areas		
McEachren Annex (front door)		
Divide group in half; each half spends 10 min. in barn area and 10 min with Textiles --- then switch group halves.		
	Barn - <u>Betty Miller</u>	10 minutes
	Textiles - <u>Mary Stipanato</u>	10 minutes
5 minutes to switch areas		
ECKERT HALL (big room) 20 minutes You're on your own.		
5 minutes to switch areas		
CABIN & WOODSTOCK EXHIBIT (upstairs)		
Divide group in half; each half spends 10 min. with Kurt Begalka and 10 min Upstairs --- then switch group halves.		
	Cabin - <u>Gloria Mack</u>	10 minutes
	Upstairs - Woodstock All-America Exhibit	10 minutes
5 minutes to switch areas		

Victory Garden  
Nov 6, 2013

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Mark Bosacki, 53, who headed up our compost program passed away due to a heart attack. He was instrumental in creating a system of continual composting of the produce waste at the food pantry. He was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Woodstock Country Orchard had closed for the season and invited the McHenry County Master Gardeners and our garden helpers, to come to their orchard and pick apples for the local food pantries.



Apples picked that day were distributed to the Harvard, Cary, McHenry and Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Interfaith food pantry. We were told we could return as many times as we wanted until October 25<sup>th</sup>. So our garden helpers returned on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and picked additional apples for the food pantry.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> Ed Brown from the Algonquin Waste Water Treatment plant, Sal Maggio from the Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Interfaith food pantry and I attended the District 300 Board of Education Meeting. The Green Eagles of Jacob's High School made a presentation before the Board of Education on their renovations of their high school greenhouse and their seed starting of some of our plants.



Victory Garden  
Nov 6, 2013

Our Victory gardens have produced the following amount of produce....

900 lbs. Algonquin Waste Water Treatment plant garden

3,913 lbs. Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Food Pantry garden

200 lbs. apples (Food pantry property)

209 lbs. pears (Food pantry property)

50 lbs. grapes (Food pantry property)

5,272 total produce from our gardens

+ 5,135 lbs. apples picked at the Woodstock Country Gardens for the Algonquin / Lake in the Hills pantry

10,407 lbs. total fresh produce from the Victory Garden program so far!



We have transferred several of our garden plants into the greenhouse and will continue to harvest in the greenhouse for as long as possible.

Additionally, this is the time of year where straw bales are bought for fall decorations, then thrown in the garbage afterward. We are asking for these straw bales to be donated to the Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Food Pantry garden, where we will recycle them as insulation for the greenhouse as well as in the garden as mulch this spring. Simply drop the bales in front of the raised beds at 1113 Pyott road, Lake in the Hills.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Audiences and Messages**

1. Audience: general public, residents of McHenry County

Messages:

1. That the Commission exists and what it does
2. That having your house landmarked does not mean you lose complete control of how your home's exterior looks (a key complaint I hear about landmarking)
3. That preservation is ecologically a viable option
4. That adaptive reuse should always be considered before demolition

2. Audience: contractors, within the county and doing work within the county

Messages:

1. That historic preservation and adaptive reuse is good for business
2. That construction methods involving historic renovation and remodeling are specialized talents that can set them apart from other contractors

3. Audience: grade school children and their teachers

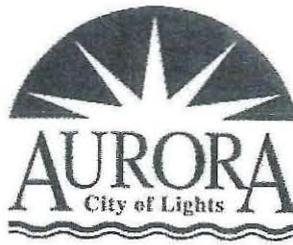
Messages:

1. Historic buildings are cool
2. Historic preservation is a good way to teach history

4. Audience: travelers and visitors

Messages:

1. Historic buildings and houses can bring in tourist dollars
2. Historic buildings and homes can bring in prospective businesses



SAMPLE  
NOMINATION  
FORM  
- SIMPLE &  
DIRECT,  
EASY TO  
USE

## 2013 MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NOMINATION FORM

*For projects completed from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012*

Please consider: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address of Home or Commercial Building*

for the 2013 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

*To qualify properties should be at least 50 or more years old.*

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a brief description of the work performed at the property (painting, landscaping, porch, etc.) with before and after photos of the project (if available).

Work performed:

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(Use backside of form if more space is needed)

**The nomination deadline is Monday, April 1, 2013. Please send completed nominations to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Truax  
Acting Chair, Aurora Preservation Commission  
55 S. Commonwealth Avenue  
Aurora, Illinois 60506  
c (630) 707-7406  
[dptruax@comcast.net](mailto:dptruax@comcast.net)

# McHENRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## AWARDS PROGRAM

The proposed Awards program will begin January 2014 and run through April 2014 with the Award presented during our May 2014 meeting. It will be awarded to a homeowner or a contractor for work that shows a building that is an example of historic preservation and/or adaptive re-use.

The Commission needs to decide:

1. The type of award, e.g. plaque, certificate, check)
2. The amount of the award, which should be enough to generate interest but still fit within our budget
3. The name of the award, e.g. if it is to be named after a noted preservationist, or if we have a sponsor

Ideas for the award:

1. For residential renovations (nominated by homeowner or contractor)
2. For a business investing in renovation rather than demolition (nominated by anyone-individual, business, contractor. As an example, the Pride in Crystal Lake Awards through the Crystal Lake Chamber and a sponsor)

Project development is as follows:

1. Develop a list of criteria by which the nomination will be evaluated
2. Develop the nomination form
3. Develop a list of county contractors and those contractors that do business within the county, paying particular attention to those on our trade resources list
4. Add a page to the website for the award nomination for and information about the award. (Having the award on its own page will enable us to give out a deep link for publicity and information purposes.)
5. Prepare three press releases: one to announce the award, one to announce the award submission period is closing, one to announce the award winner
6. Develop a press release list, if different from the County's own list, making sure that social media is engaged and making sure that Joint Council contacts are used. (For example McHenry County Historical Society's Facebook page.)

Suggested timeline:

December 2013-development of nomination form and target lists (contractors)

January 2014-web page set-up and first press release sent

February 2014-April 2014-submission period, with second press release sent a couple of weeks before period ends

April 2014 HPC meeting-submissions report for review and decision on winner

May 2014 HPC meeting-award given out

The award program will be considered successful if we have submissions, articles about MCHPC in the local news, social media queries, local web page hits.

Please see attachments for sample nomination forms and award programs.

## **Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission Annual Awards**

The Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission supports homeowners and builders who help preserve our village's historic character. Nominations are accepted January 1 through March 15 of each year. The Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Awards program honors projects in four categories:

### ■ **Restoration of the Year Award**

The Restoration of the Year Award is presented annually by the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission in recognition of an outstanding effort (completed within the prior calendar year) to restore the exterior of a home or building in a manner fitting its historic character while adhering to Glen Ellyn's restoration guidelines and contributing to the preservation of Glen Ellyn history. Entries are judged on the extent to which the exterior restoration is in keeping with the home's historic character.

### ■ **Renovation of the Year Award**

The Renovation of the Year Award is presented annually by the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission in recognition of an outstanding effort (completed within the prior calendar year) to renovate the exterior of a home or building in a manner maintaining its architectural integrity and contributing to the preservation of Glen Ellyn history. Entries are judged on the extent to which the exterior renovation is in keeping with the home's historic character.

### ■ **Streetscape Compatibility Award**

The Streetscape Compatibility Award is presented annually by the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission in recognition of an outstanding effort (completed within the prior calendar year) to construct a new home or building in an architectural style and scale that contributes to the preservation of Glen Ellyn's historic streetscapes. Entries are judged on their compatibility with the existing streetscape, in terms of architectural style and scale.

### ■ **Architectural Details Award**

The Architectural Details Award is presented annually by the Glen Ellyn Historic Preservation Commission in recognition of an outstanding effort (completed within the prior calendar year) to restore an exterior detail element of a home or building in a manner fitting its historic character, and contributing to the preservation of Glen Ellyn history. Examples of exterior detail elements would include but not limited to porches, cornice work, leaded glass windows, or decorative fencing. Entries are judged on the compatibility of the element with the historic character of the home or building.

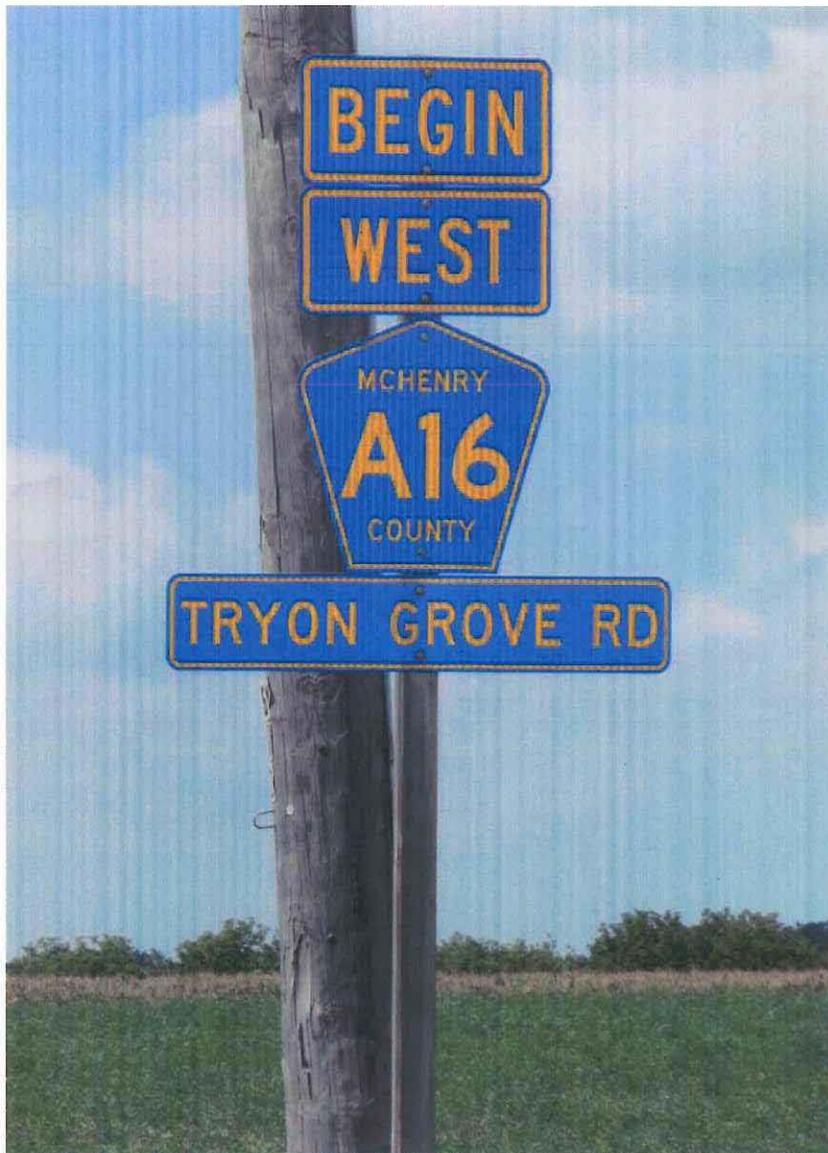
Entries in each category may include:

- Residential, single- family homes,
- Residential, multi-unit buildings, such as apartments or condominiums,
- Commercial buildings, such as shops, banks or restaurants, and
- Institutional buildings, such as assisted living facilities or schools.

Glen Ellyn residents are encouraged to nominate projects of special interest in their neighborhoods; homeowners or builders interested in applying for awards may also self-nominate. To nominate a structure, send a letter with information about the structure (such as history, pictures, project details) to Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, IL. For more information about this program, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison at 469-5000.

# TRYON GROVE ROAD

Scenic Road  
Application



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# SCENIC ROADS & STREETS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

## Nomination Information

*Detailed instructions for completing this form, preparing required attachments, and submitting a nomination are attached. Please print in ink or type. Questions regarding the preparation and submission of nominations, or the Scenic Roads and Streets Program in general, may be forwarded to the McHenry County Department of Planning & Development at the McHenry County Government Center – Annex Building A, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098 - 815/334/4560 Fax# 815/337/3720*

1. Name of road corridor: Tryon Grove Road
2. Township(s) in which road corridor is located: Richmond Township, Hebron Township

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3. Length of road corridor included in this nomination: 4 3/4 mile(s)
4. Description of road corridor boundaries: From Route 31/12 on the east end to Greenwood Road on the west end

5. **Attachment Checklist:** The attachments indicated below are properly completed and enclosed with this nomination form:

- Attachment #1: Written Statement
- Attachment #2: Maps
- Attachment #3: Photographs

**6. Criteria for Designation:** Indicate which of the following criteria for designation apply to the road corridor. (Check all that apply).

- ✓ **Scenic:** Road features natural and built features that are visually beautiful or interesting. Scenic elements can include fields, buildings, structures, water, vegetation, skylines, and the sky itself, which are visible from the road and provide pleasure or inspire awe.

*Nestled into 2 graceful S-curves, this road offers vista views of the over 3,000-acre Glacial Park Conservation Area, pre-settlement oak groves, farmland including several original farmstead buildings, equine facilities, and large home-sites (one-five acres).*

- ✓ **Natural:** Landscapes and ecological systems exist in the road corridor such as shorelines, wetlands, prairie, and natural habitats for birds and animals.

*Besides several home-sites and early settlement farmstead, this corridor contains several rolling prairies, oak savannas, natural springs and even a glacial-formed pond.*

- ✓ **Historic:** It is the site of a significant local, county, state, or national event. Buildings or property may be historically significant. There may exist physical evidence of past human settlement, including buildings, bridges, fence-rows, burial sites, and less tangible features such as land in agricultural use, historic transportation systems, or development patterns.

*On the east end crosses the Illinois Prairie Path which is part of a 3-county "Rails-to-Trails" program" continuing from the Wisconsin state line through McHenry County, Kane County and DuPage County. The portion that crosses on this road corridor is a former railroad bed that was constructed in the 1850's.*

- ✓ **Cultural:** The road has distinctive expressions of local community life. Such expressions can include traditionally recognized cultural qualities such as public art, museums, libraries, and annual festivals. Others may be less obvious, such as particular industry, resource, or event responsible for the growth and identity of the community.

*This road corridor contains a former cheese factory, 2 former schools (one converted to a residence and one demolished), and a former cemetery.*

- ✓ **Archeological:** The road features physical remnants of past human society, their unique customs, traditions, folklore, or rituals, including artifacts, buildings, ruins, landscapes and abandoned trails.

*Several Archeological sites are associated within the farms lining this road. Of specific importance is that the only "bird-stone" found in McHenry County was from one of these farmsteads. It is from the Late Archaic period (5,000-3,500 B.P.). (Reference cited: "Prehistoric People in McHenry County", 2nd Edition, Dr. Rochelle Lurie, published by MCCD, Ringwood, IL, 1988).*

- ✓ **Architectural:** Structure(s) within the road corridor embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials. Property within the road corridor may be identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, county, state, or nation. Structure(s) within the road corridor are particularly fine or unique structures with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

*McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission's first Landmark Site "Tryon Grove Farmstead" is located on the west end of this road.*

7. Name(s), home address(es), telephone, and fax number(s), e-mail address(es), and signatures(s) of person(s) submitting this nomination. Attach additional sheets if necessary. (At least one contact person is required).

Name: Donald and Felecia Englert

Name: Mary McDonald Schultz

Signature: (additional information submitted --- See attached)  
(Signature) (Date)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): H: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ W: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date)

**SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT #1**

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**Written Statement**

*Prepare a written statement on this form when nominating a street or road. Detailed instructions for preparing the statement are attached. Please print in ink or type. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).*

*See attached statements by:*

*Attachment #1A --- Donald and Felecia Englert --- Page 4A*

*Attachment #1B --- Mary McDonald Schultz --- Page 4B*

Tryon Grove Road, anchored at its western terminus by historic Tryon Grove Farm, established circa 1836, provides a rolling pathway through one of the most aesthetically pleasing vistas in northeastern McHenry County. Rolling hillsides, meadows and remnant oak savannahs provide a reminder of what the area presented to early 1830's settlers—the Tryons, Stewarts, and Vanderkarrs, families who sent their sons as soldiers to defend our Union in the Civil War . Notice the witness tree at the corner of Greenwood, Vanderkarr, and Tryon Grove Roads referenced and recorded by a mid-nineteenth century survey team.

Tryon Grove Road, once a frequented animal path, was traveled by our Native Americans in their annual pilgrimage to sacred burial grounds. This trail was also one of the first planked roads carrying settlers west.

As you proceed east, enjoy the southern view of mixed grasslands, kames, and wetlands preserved as Glacial Park, the jewel of the McHenry County Conservation District, now encompassed by the newly create national wildlife refuge, The Hackmatack Preserve. Relatively unspoiled, Tryon Grove Road and the lands it touches are assets which make McHenry County such an attractive place to live, work, and play. Designation of Tryon Grove Road as a McHenry County Scenic Road will provide deserved recognition and a reminder to appreciate not only one's destination but also the process of getting there.

Donald R. Englert

Felecia S. Englert

**Growing up on Tryon Grove by Mary McDonald Schultz** 7/1/2013

*Growing up on Tryon Grove Road in the late forties, fifties and sixties--- what a wonderful childhood it was. I still live on the family farm which was purchased by my grandparents in 1910 located at the "S-curve" between Greenwood Road and Keystone Road. My Dad attended Tryon Grove School at the corner of Greenwood Road, which is now a house and Keystone School at the corner of Tryon Grove and Keystone Roads. I also attended Keystone School through seventh grade when it was consolidated with Richmond School District. I walked, biked, and even once skied to and from school. In the winter we went sledding in the neighbor's pasture during recess.*

*Riding my pony and horses with neighbor kids took up most of my "spare time". I could ride through many neighboring farms as well as beautiful Northern Pump Hereford Farm---now Glacial Park. We all knew to stay out of cropland and to close any gates we opened. Neighbors all knew each other and we kids knew to behave or someone's Mom would be on the phone to our Moms.*

*My Mother was always quick to bake or cook for a family having a hard time and ready with advice or a helping hand for a new Mother. Although I spent many hours on horseback, there were always chores needing to be done at home. Hauling in corncobs and coal for the heating stove in the kitchen, doing dishes, mowing lawn, weeding garden, driving the Ford Jubilee tractor on the hay fork, and throwing down silage and feeding heifers were just a few. As you can see, I much preferred the outside chores to inside. And of course the care of the pony and horses was always my responsibility.*

*I am so lucky to still have some of those original neighbors. Our road is beautiful with houses and farms well cared for---many of us from those "good old days" or descendants of those neighbors.*

**SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT #2**  
**Cover Sheet for Maps**

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The following maps are attached to this nomination:



Map showing the location of the road corridor in McHenry County; and

*Attachment #2A - - - Google Map showing McHenry County and  
Tryon Grove Road*

*Attachment #2B - - - Athena Map showing Tryon Grove Road  
within McHenry County*



Map showing the boundaries of the road corridor and adjacent properties.

*Attachment #2C - - - Athena Map showing and Tryon Grove Road  
with adjacent properties*

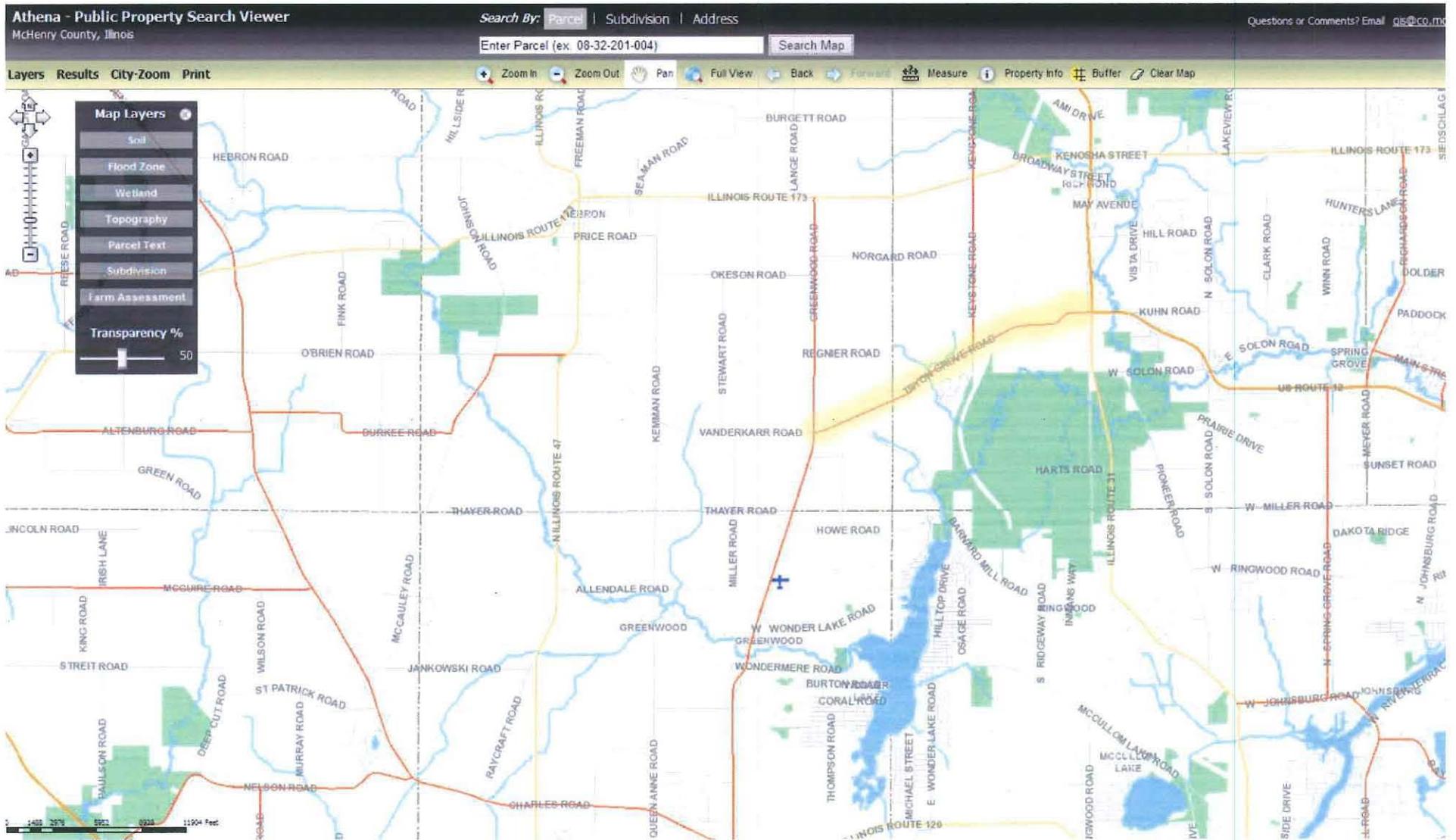
*Attachment #2D- - - Athena 2011 Aerial showing and Tryon Grove Road  
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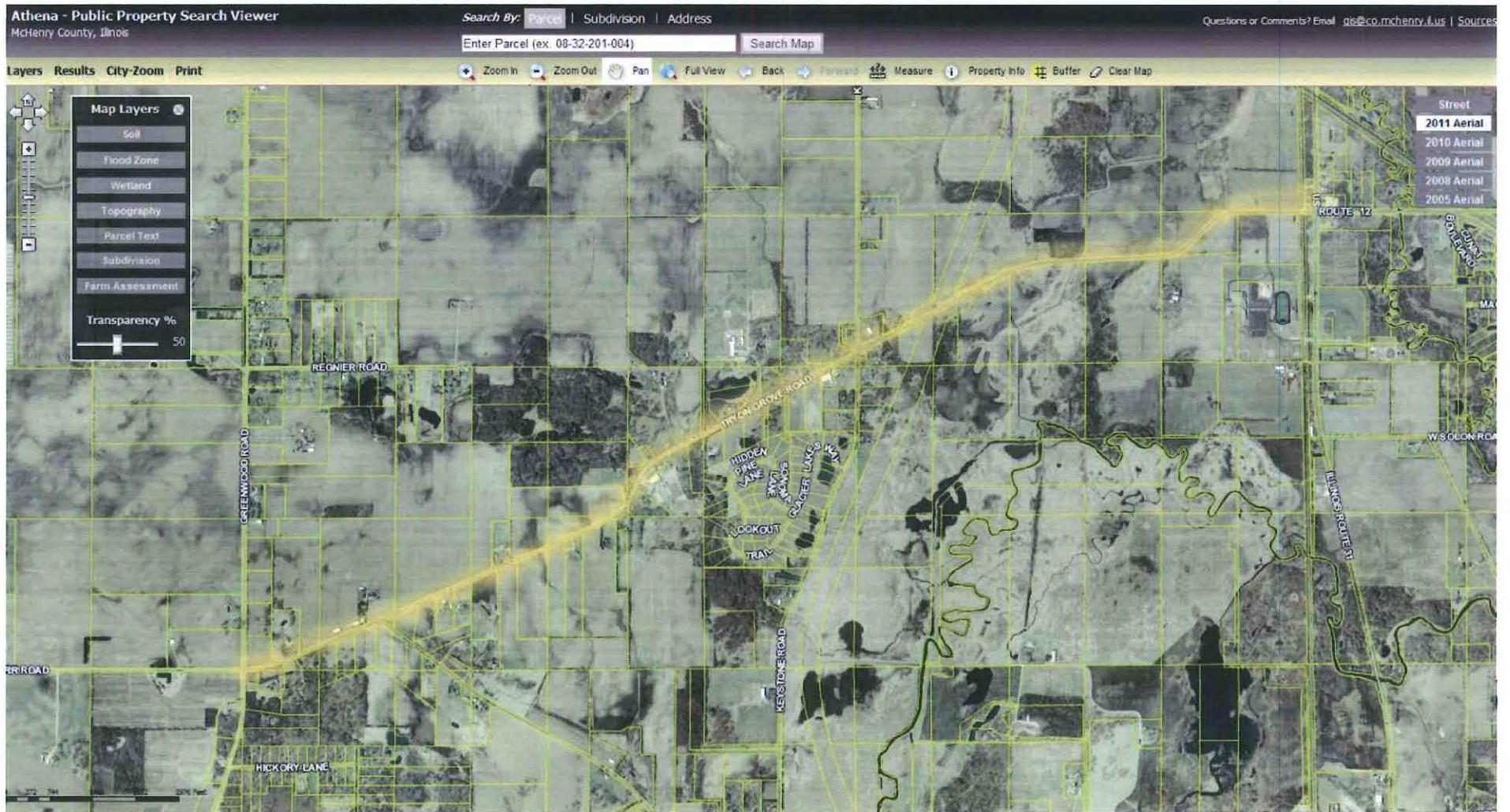
Other Historical

*Attachment #2E - - - 1872 Platbook composite of Hebron and Richmond  
Townships with Tryon Grove Road highlighted*

Attachment #2B - - - Athena Map showing Tryon Grove Road within McHenry County



Attachment #2D- - Athena 2011 Aerial showing and Tryon Grove Road with adjacent properties





**SCENIC STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM – ATTACHMENT #3 (Page 1 of 2)**  
**Cover Sheet for Photographs**

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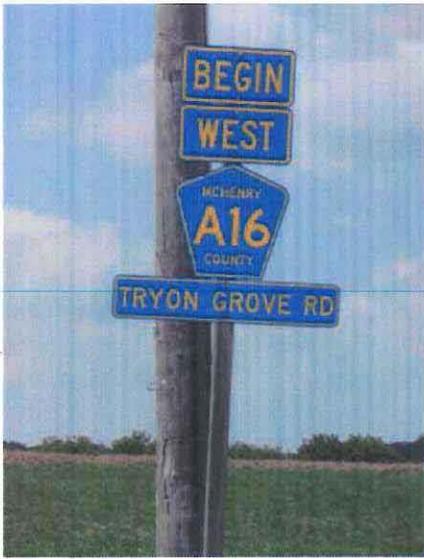
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2	8/29/2013	Prairie Path	Prairie Path / looking north
3	8/29/2013	Prairie Path	Prairie Path / looking south
4	8/29/2013	Oak Grove	Oaks at Prairie Trail / north side
5	8/29/2013	Glacial Park	Glacial Park / looking south
6	8/29/2013	High School Entrance	Oaks at School Entrance / looking southwest
7	8/29/2013	Field & Oak Grove	Oaks north of school entrance
8	8/29/2013	Vista view	View at east S-curve / looking west
9	8/29/2013	Vista view	View at east S-curve / looking east
10	8/29/2013	Vista view	View at east S-curve / looking west (2nd bend)
11	8/29/2013	Vista view	View at east S-curve / looking east (near Holians)
12	8/29/2013	Vista view	View at middle curve / looking east
13	8/29/2013	Former Tamarack Grove	Entrance to Tamarack Farms / looking north
14	8/29/2013	Vista view	View on open stretch / looking east
15	8/29/2013	Farmhouse	Former Cheese factory site / north side
16	8/29/2013	Former Keystone School site	School site at stable / south side
17	8/29/2013	Farmhouse	Old Holian house / north side
18	8/29/2013	Stable	Krussel Stables / south side
19	8/29/2013	Vista view	Stretch between Steve and Cliffwood / looking east
20	11/4/2013	Farmstead	Steve's farm / north side
21	8/29/2013	Oak Grove	Oak Grove / south side
22	8/29/2013	Farmstead	Barns and fence / north side
23	8/29/2013	Stable entrance	Lora Ray stables / north side

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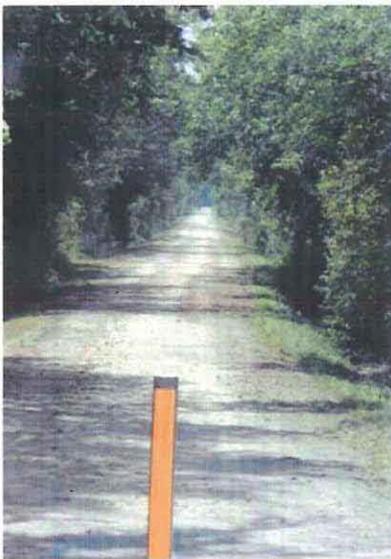
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25	11/4/2013	Vista view	Middle curve / looking east
26	8/29/2013	Glacial Pond	Glacial Pond in oaks / south side
27	8/29/2013	Stable	Cliffwood stable entrance / south side
28	8/29/2013	Stable	Cliffwood stable paddocks / south side
29	11/4/2013	Farmhouse	Mary Schultz house / south side
30	8/29/2013	Barn	Mary Schultz barn / south side
31	8/29/2013	Intersection	Barnard Mill Road / looking northwest
32	8/29/2013	Vista view	Rizzos farm view / looking northwest
33	8/29/2013	Farmstand	Rizzos Farmstand and farm entrance / north side
34	8/29/2013	Farmhouse	Rizzos house / north side
35	8/29/2013	Farmstead	Rizzos farm buildings / north side
36	8/29/2013	House	New house / south side
37	8/29/2013	House	New house / south side
38	8/29/2013	Vista view	View / looking west
39	8/29/2013	Farmstead sign	Tryon Grove Farm sign / west end
40	8/29/2013	Farmhouse	Tryon Grove Farmhouse / west end, north side
41	8/29/2013	Barn	Tryon Grove Barn / west end, north side
42	8/29/2013	Barn	Tryon Grove Barn / west end, looking east
43	8/29/2013	Oak Grove	View on west end / south side
44	8/29/2013	School	Residence in former school / south side
45	8/29/2013	Intersection	West end / looking east
46	8/29/2013	Witness Tree	West end / looking northeast
47	8/29/2013	Street Sign	West end / looking north
48	8/29/2013	End Sign and Witness Tree	West end / looking west



01-Tryon-Grove-sign-east-end.JPG



02-Prairie-Trail-north.JPG



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04-Oaks-at-north-Prairie-Trail.JPG



05-South-view-into-Glacial-Park.JPG



06-Oaks-at-School-Entrance.JPG



07-Oaks-north-of-school-entrance.JPG



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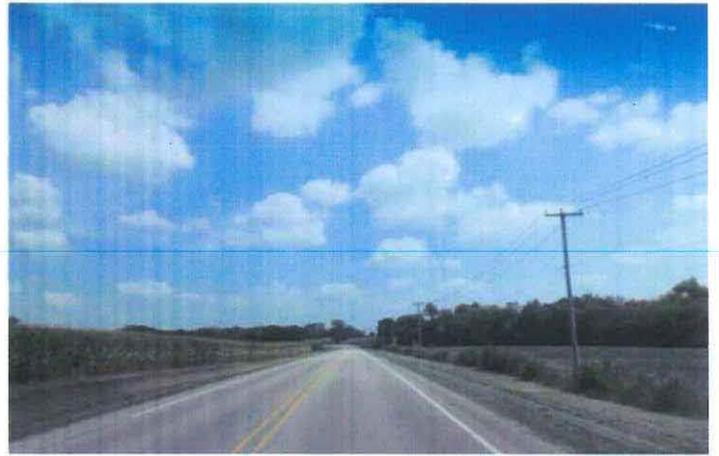
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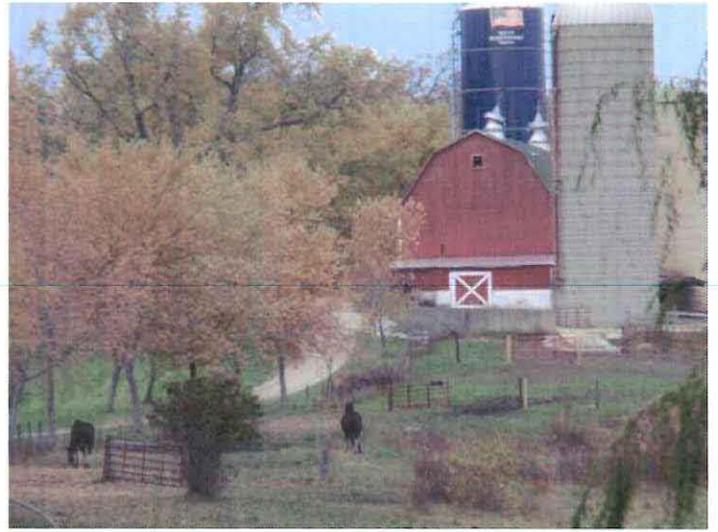
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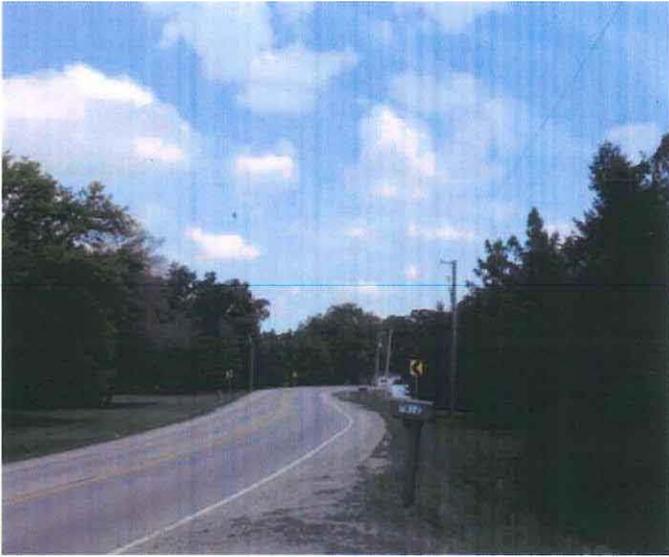
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28-Cliffwood-Back-Paddocks.JPG



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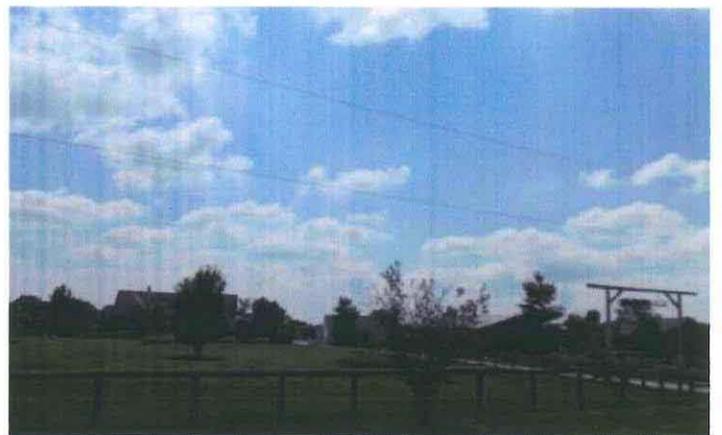
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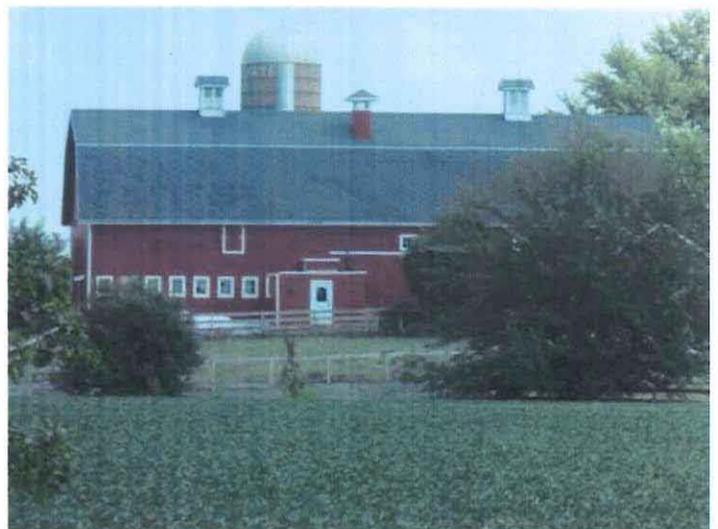
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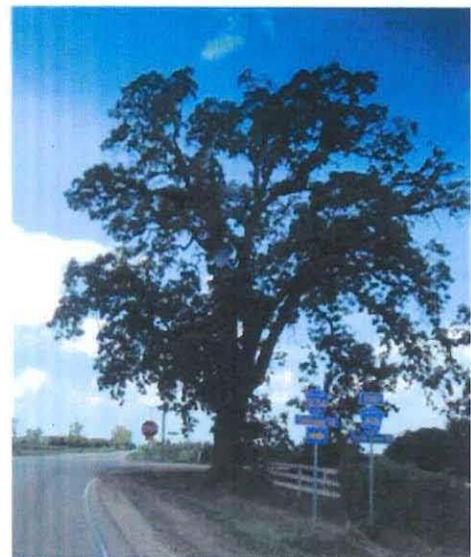
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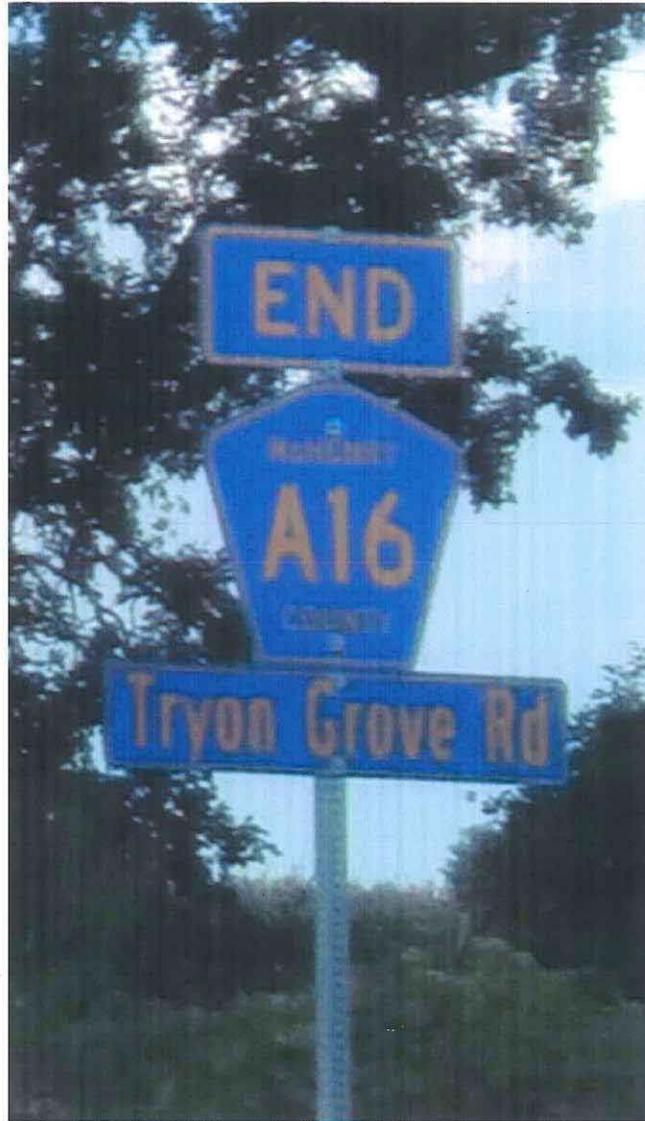
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48-Tryon-Grove-sign-End-west.JPG





Date: November 7, 2013

To: P&D Committee Members

From: Mary A. Haines  
McHenry County Board/Administration

Subject: Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

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The HPC conducted their meeting on November 6, 2013 and interviewed one candidate for an open position on the HPC. The HPC is recommending the re-appointment of Laurie A. Selpien (incumbent) as a member of the HPC. This appointment recommendation will be on the November 21, 2013 P&D agenda for your consideration. This term will expire on 11/26/2018.

An ad was placed in the *Northwest Herald* and on the County's website for this opening. A copy of her application is attached.

If approved, this appointment will be on the December 3, 2013 County Board agenda.

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