

THE HOMESTEAD FAMILY



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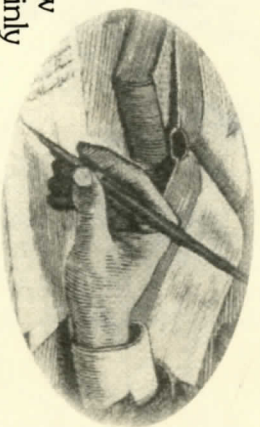


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A Note from your President . . .



I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful trees this fall. Our new trees at the Homestead are certainly showing off their colors. Our newest tree is a Black Gum donated by the McGaughey family in memory of their father, Bill. Bill gave years of volunteer service to the Homestead and was instrumental in the care and nurturing of the trees and flowers on the grounds.

There are lots of exciting happenings at James Millikin Homestead this Fall. In August, a group of hardworking Millikin freshmen helped us with much needed trimming, weeding and mulching. We partnered with Millikin University and opened up the Homestead for tours during Family Fun Weekend and followed up with an open house for Millikin Alumni during Homecoming Weekend.

And, finally, work has begun on removal of old and installation of new storm windows. This project is the result of fundraisers, grants and donations from individuals and businesses in our community and took more than two years to accomplish. It would not have been possible otherwise. Thank you donors!

Thomas Melvin is back at the Homestead working his magic. He has started work which will include the ceiling and walls in the central hallway including the stairway walls. His samples are beautiful and we are excited and hopeful the work will be complete for our Christmas Open House. These renovations are also the result of the generosity of our members and donors.

Wishing you all a very merry holiday season and we hope to see you at our Christmas Open House on December 13th.

Terry Grant, President

The Lions Roar Again!

A lot of preliminary work is going on "behind the scenes" including numerous consultations, pencil sketches, drawings, design patterns, color palettes and placement of ornamentation. And now, the first on-sight work has started!

Tom Melvin and his assistant worked on accentuating the lion ceiling panel, a plaster relief, above the hallway fireplace. Intense scrutiny revealed traces of a gold background and muted color accents. Now the lions roar again from all four corners, announcing their presence, and are connected by decorative swirling. What was hard to distinguish before because of the overpainted uniformity, now demands our attention! Work still remains on the detailing but the overall wow factor is already there.

After the lion panel, on-site work of the decorative embellishments on the hallway and staircase walls will start. Even if everything is not complete before the Christmas Open House, the changes will be stunning. Plan to attend the Open House and see for yourself!



SAVE the DATE



December 13, 2015
1:00 to 4:00 PM

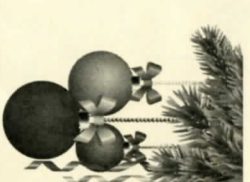


The annual James Millikin Homestead Christmas Open House Please join us for tours of the Homestead, coffee, cookies and holiday music. While at the Homestead, don't miss the Holiday Sweet Treats Bakery where a large variety of homemade baked goods are available to purchase.

The Open House is free and open to the public.



SWEET TREATS BAKERY



The Sweet Treats Bakery will once again be open for business during the Homestead's Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 13th. The success of this venture is a testament to the volunteers and talented bakers that graciously donate delectable items to sell. Please say "YES" when a board member calls requesting an item to sell at the Sweet Treats Bakery. And . . . be sure to stop by to shop on December 13th.

Tribute to Bill McGaughey

Bill McGaughey was a long term invaluable supporter, volunteer, and Homestead board member who passed away last December. His family wanted to honor him by donating a tree for the Homestead grounds. This Fall they gathered here and a Black Gum tree, a favorite of Bill's, was planted. The location is north of the Homestead near two, already well established, Black Gum trees. The two existing Black Gum trees were originally planted by Bill McGaughey. The new tree is marked with a commemorative plaque. This trio is a fitting tribute to Bill who tirelessly cared for the Homestead grounds for many, many years. As fall colors spread, those of us who knew Bill cannot help but smile and thank him for enhancing the grounds so beautifully!



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Millikin University Freshmen/Day of Action

Paul Lidy and Carrie Trimble provided these students who volunteered as part of their community service requirement. They weeded, trimmed and mulched under the supervision of board members and Master Gardeners. Thank you Millikin students!



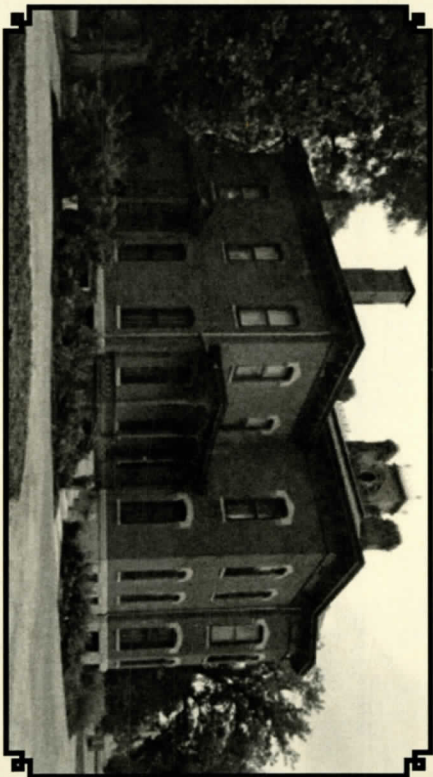
Reunion Row at Millikin University Homecoming

Millikin Board members Ann-Marie Hillyer and Marilyn Davis shared information about the Homestead with students and Alumni during one of the homecoming activities at Millikin this Fall.



Rental Policy at the Homestead

Looking for a unique, historic setting for your party? The Homestead is available for your private parties and special events such as small weddings, baptisms, receptions, anniversaries, birthdays and even business meetings. Current members receive a 10% discount off the rental fee. For information and scheduling, please contact the Homestead at 217.767.2214 and leave a message.



We're on Facebook!

Our Facebook page is James Millikin Homestead. Please "like" or "follow" to see current photos and activities.



Please Check Mailing Label on Newsletter

The mailing label on the newsletter includes the date your membership expires. We look forward to your continued interest and support and ask you to drop a check in the mail if your membership has expired. Thank you!

Mission Statement

The Mission of the James Millikin Homestead, Inc. is to restore and preserve the interior of this irreplaceable Decatur landmark, thereby raising community awareness of our historical heritage, and promoting preservation for future generations.



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Homestead
in your estate planning.

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