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# News & Views

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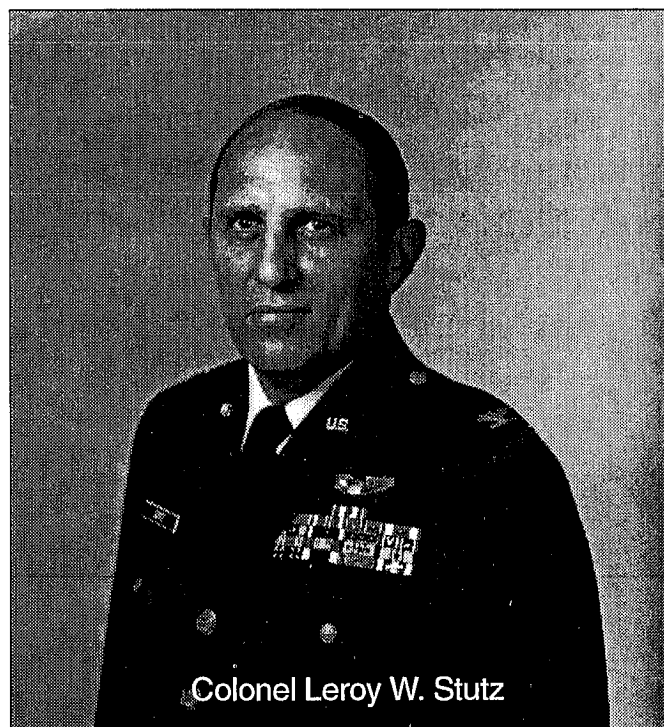
## Colonel Stutz, Vietnam Ex-prisoner of War to Speak at Homer April 29th

Colonel Leroy W. Stutz will speak April 29, 1998 at 7:00 at the Homer Legion Building in Homer about his experiences as a Vietnam prisoner of war. The public is invited. Free admission.

Colonel Stutz retired from the Air Force June 30, 1994 with 33 years of service. His last assignment was the commander of the 3330th Technical Training Wing, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

Colonel Stutz enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard in January 1957 and entered the Air Force Academy in June 1960. He was commissioned second lieutenant upon graduation and was assigned to undergraduate pilot training at Craig Air Force Base, AL. He received his pilot's wings in August 1965 and was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, SC, as a pilot in the RF-4C aircraft. In July 1966 his squadron deployed to Udorn Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, where he flew approximately 85 combat missions in the RF-4C aircraft, 65 of which were in North Vietnam. In December 1966, his aircraft was downed 25 miles north of Hanoi, North Vietnam. The colonel was captured and remained a prisoner of war until his release March 4, 1973.

Colonel Stutz was born in 1939 in Effingham, Kansas, where he graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1957. He attended Washburn University in Topeka, KS, for one year before entering the US Air Force Academy where he received a bachelor's degree in military science in June 1964. He earned a master's



Colonel Leroy W. Stutz

degree in public administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA, in June 1983.

Colonel Stutz married the former Karen Keirns of Cummings, KS. They presently live in Oklahoma City, OK. They have one son, Brian and three grandchildren.

Colonel Stutz's appearance is being sponsored by the Homer Historical Society, American Legion Post 290 and the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 290.

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## HOMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

Please remember, this is your newsletter. Its content and value depend upon each resident of the Community. We are depending upon you for the content of this newsletter. What this newsletter becomes is up to each of you. We need your help! If you have anything you would like to contribute, please drop it off at the Homer IGA or mail to the HCDB, P.O. Box 74, Homer, IL 61849. n

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I understand that there is to be a survey in this issue of the News and Views for people in Homer to air in their views on burning of trash, yard waste and specifically leaves. It is very important to weigh all the issues when filling this survey out. I have been to several village board meetings and heard a lot of pros and cons. An important note: Homer has just two yard waste pick-ups a year and doesn't always manage to get everything. If the Village eliminates burning will they arrange for frequent pick-ups? What about the dangers of waste piling up in yards, especially near the elevator, the harbor rats?

If there is a ban put on leaf burning, how will you dispose of the leaves? I understand mulching but everyone does not have access to a mulching mower, flower beds or garden to put the mulch on or someone that can physically do either. In the whole last year we burned yard waste (limbs etc) a total of three times. I maintain that if you use a little common sense and are courteous to your neighbors that it is possible to burn yard waste and not have it be an offensive act. I understand the village not wanting you to burn leaves in the gutters so that ashes clog up the drains or that they really don't want people to burn them on the edge of asphalt streets so that the heat deteriorates the asphalt. There is a lot of yard waste that is not good for mulch, such as tomato vines from the garden, diseased plants and roots and fallen limbs and the tough joint grass that plagues this area..

The ban on burning anything before daybreak or after dusk has been in effect for at least 49 years that we have had a volunteer fire department. Many times in the middle of the night, members of my family have hunted out a smoldering barrel to douse the fire because the smoke was hanging in the air and making it impossible to breathe. I believe in re-cycling, but there are some papers that can not be recycled and I do not want my correspondence from credit card companies, cancelled checks, bills or personal letters to go into the bins up town or in the trash to go into a landfill. I'd prefer to burn them myself in a barrel near my house. If cans, plastic and newspaper are recycled the remainder is garbage and should not be burned anyway. Some cannot afford ten to twelve dollars a month to have garbage hauled away and

haulers will not take yard waste.

It is against the law to burn garbage. It is against common sense to burn wet leaves and grass. I think there is an EPA ban on burning plastics. Yet these things are the hardest to get rid of, and are put among other burnable material and cause problems. I know people who have wood burners or fireplaces that also slip these into the fire. Are we to ban all burning? Fireplaces, wood-burners, camp fires or a wiener roast fire? Where does it stop? I pay a tenth of my income in property taxes and a goodly portion of that goes to support the village of Homer. I don't want one more freedom taken away from the citizens who follow the rules, respect their neighbors, use common sense and are proud to work for a better community.

Before we face another ordinance against the people lets find some sensible solutions for the people of Homer.

Betty I. Lacey

## Poetry

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept from fear and apprehensions.

One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and pains.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot undo a single act we performed.

We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promises and poor performance.

Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds-but it will rise.

Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day—today. Any man can fight the battle of just one day.

It is only when you and I add the burden of those two awful eternities, yesterday and tomorrow, that we break down.

It is the remorse of bitterness, something that happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us live therefore, one day at a time and leave the rest to God.

Author Unknown

# "Splinters" from the board

Have you seen the new trash receptacles along Main Street? The Homer Community Development Board (CDB) would like to thank the following organizations for their cooperation in this project: The Homer Youth League, Homer Village Board, Homer Churches Cooperating, Homer IGA and the Homer Lions Club.

The Home Extension and the CDB will be working on the final phase of that project in the spring. Our final phase is to procure planters that would match the trash receptacles for planting of shrubs and flowers along the Main Street. If you or your organization would like to help in this project, please contact any member of the Homer Extension or the CDB.

The CDB would like to thank K.C. Jones for his past service to the News & Views newsletter.

In the February newsletter were two centennial farm articles. If you or someone you know owns a centennial farm in Homer, the CDB would like to publish your information regarding your centennial farm in the next newsletter. Please submit your information to Stan Cato at the Homer IGA or mail to the CDB, P.O. Box 74, Homer, IL 61849.

The CDB is in the process of establishing a newsletter committee. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact any CDB member.

The CDB bylaws were updated and distributed to board members at the September meeting.

A couple of CDB members attended the SOMIA (Small business and developing small communities) meeting in Atwood.

The trophy case has been installed and has a few trophies in it. Special thanks to Fred Earl for making the case. The next time you are in the village hall, be sure to take a minute and view it. If you or someone you know has a trophy they would like placed in the case, trophies can be turned in to Stan Cato at the Homer IGA.

We have updated the business directory in the newsletter to include a brief description of the business under the business name. If your business is not listed or a business is listed that is no longer in business, has an incorrect address, phone number, etc., please contact Kim Matthis at 896-2689 or Stan Cato at the Homer

IGA.

Also in this newsletter is a list of board members for the various boards in Homer. If your organization is not listed and would like to be, please contact Kim Matthis.

At the November meeting, Chuck Prince from Indianapolis spoke to us about swimming pools in small towns. It was an education for all members present. We learned that people do not go to the pool to "swim". Instead they go to BBQ, play volleyball, layout in the sun, play in the sand, play on the small water slides, etc. The capacity of most pools should accommodate 5% of the towns population. Pools are available in different shapes and sizes than we ever dreamed possible. It would cost about a million dollars for Homer to have a pool. Each year a pool will have the cost of chemicals, training staff, etc. Each lifeguard must take a five hour course, have CPR and basic life support training that is current and have the necessary equipment, such as CPR masks, tubes, whistles, swimsuits and clothing that says "lifeguard". The CPR and basic life support classes will cost approximately \$450, plus \$100 for equipment per lifeguard, per year.

At the December meeting, the CDB created a rough draft of a vision statement with Pam Anderson's assistance. We believe after a vision statement is created, we can begin applying for grants for certain projects. We hope to include our final version of the vision statement in the June newsletter. We need to make a list of what we want the grant money for, such as to beautify the downtown area, etc. We would like to receive community service grants for the newsletter and Realtors brochure and a community development grant to improve the community. We hope to apply for the competitive communities program with DCCA soon.

The CDB meets the second Monday of each month at the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make their suggestions or comments.

The June News & Views newsletter will be out June 3rd. The deadline to submit information for the June newsletter is May 12th. You may drop off your information at the Homer IGA or mail to the CDB, P.O. Box 74, Homer, IL 61849.

# LEAF BURNING ORDINANCE SURVEY

The Village Board would like your input on leaf burning in Homer. Burning leaves have caused disturbances in some residences' homes last fall, especially those with asthma and allergies. To assist the Village Board in drafting an ordinance regarding leaf burning, please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it to the Village Hall by 4/15.

Thank you.

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| 1. Do nothing.<br>(maintain current burning restrictions, that is; prohibition on burning garbage, plastics, household trash, and oil based products. May burn yard waste, paper, and demolition debris) | Yes / No |
| 2. Total ban on burning.<br>(homeowner would be responsible for mulching, composting, or disposing of leaves)                                                                                            | Yes / No |
| 3. Restrictive ban on burning.<br>(designated days and times during the week to burn)                                                                                                                    | Yes / No |
| 4. Village Collection of leaves.<br>(Village purchase or rent equipment such as leaf vacuum to pick up leaves)                                                                                           | Yes / No |
| 5. Residents bag leaves for Village to pick up.<br>(bags would be sold locally)                                                                                                                          | Yes / No |

6. Comments:

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## Homer Library News

As announced by Secretary of State Ryan, the Homer Library has received a grant towards the purchase of communications equipment. This grant allows us to acquire a fax, which will be available for public use, a TDD machine, which allows the hearing-impaired to use the phone, and an answering machine, which will allow better communication between staff and patrons. For more information, contact the library.

Chris' Quick Pick: *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. How can a storm be perfect? The author explains how a "man against the sea" story tells of a horrendous off-shore storm spawned by a hurricane and the tragedy that resulted from a lack of information and from bad decision making. The author did a lot of research about the storm itself and commercial sword-fishing. The book deserves its time on the best-seller list.

We have purchased quite a few new picture books, and have received donations of more audio books. Check out these and other new additions to our collection. While you are in the library, pick up your new card if you haven't done so yet.

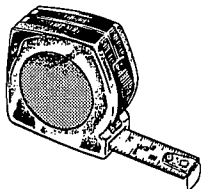
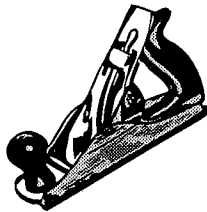
Installed on our public access computer are a variety of helpful programs, such as *I Am Your Child: The First Years Last Forever*, about the first three years of life. Others include *Health Watch*, *Weight Loss Planner*, *Executive Diet Helper*, *Menu Planner* and *Money Saver*.

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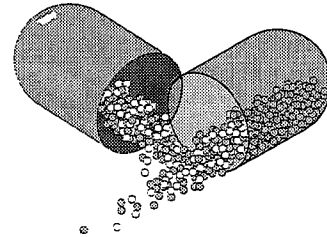
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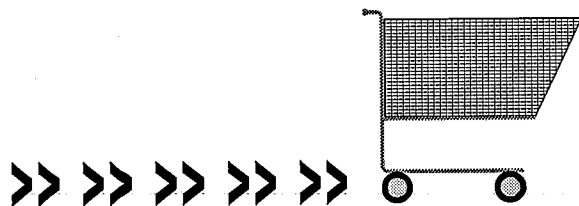
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# American Legion

The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion would like to thank everyone for the great attendance at the Valentine's Day Steak Fry and Dance at the Homer Legion Post #290. We hope that everyone enjoyed their evening. We would also like to thank Chuck Buck and Tom Wolf for donating their time for this event. A special thanks to the Homer IGA for all of their help and for the free advertising. Also, a great big thank-you to the Community Development Board for the great ad in the newsletter, Doc Hatton for reminding everyone in your weekly "What's Happening in Homer" about the dance, the Homer Youth League for the use of the popcorn machine, and Don's Marathon for being the central location for ticket sales. Congratulations to the winners of our give-always; Sherry DeMoss, Jeff Wilsey, Michelle Swope, and Traci Cokley. Congratulations to Gary Lahne, winner of the 50/50 raffle. Last, but not least, the committee would like to thank all of the members of our organizations for all of the great help in setting up, decorating, serving and clean-up. We could not have such a great success without all of you!

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# Curfew

(Following is a copy of the curfew ordinance for the Village of Homer. These laws are enforced so please take careful note of them.)

**A. Age and Hour Restrictions:** It shall be unlawful for any person under seventeen (17) years of age to be or remain upon any street, alley or other public place in the Village after 11:00 p.m. unless such person is accompanied by a parent or guardian or other person having custody of such minor, or unless in the performance of duty directed by such parent or guardian or other person having custody, or unless such person is in lawful employment making it necessary to be in such places after 11:00 p.m.

**B. Permitting Children to Violate Curfew:** It shall be unlawful for anyone having the legal care and custody of any person as described above to allow or permit such person to be upon any public place in the Village in the nighttime as restricted in the preceding subsection, except in case of necessity.

**C. Detaining Child:** Every member of the Champaign County Sheriff's Department or any other individual employed by the Village Board of Trustees to enforce this Section while on duty is hereby authorized to detain any such minor wilfully violating the provisions of subsection A above until the parent or guardian of the child shall take him to her into custody; but such officer shall immediately upon taking custody of the child communicate with the parent or guardian.

**D. Delinquent or Mendicant Children:** If it shall appear that any child taken into custody for a violation of subsection A of this Section is growing in mendicancy or vagrancy or is incorrigible for lack of proper parental care or has no home, proper proceedings shall be taken to have such child placed in the care of a State institution as provided by the State.  
(Ord. 10-30-78)



# 1997 A Year in Review: Homer His- torical Society News

Since 1997 was an especially busy time for our members, we want to review for you some of the things that we worked on during the year.

First of all the new furnace was finally installed and a new stool set in the restroom in April and your museum has since been opened on Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with few exceptions.

The museum was open Memorial day with a special display of various collections. Kate Vetter loaned an interesting collection of Civil War era clothing and a photograph of a lady dressed in typical ante-bellum finery. A nearly complete W.W.I uniform including hand covers and legging wraps, donated early in the year by Carmen (Trick) Martinie, was also on display for the first time. The uniform belonged to her father, Kenneth Trick. One showcase was filled with funeral home memorabilia donated by Tim Kirby. Some of the other acquisitions the Society received last year include more old license plates, several identified photographs and an old local phone book. Thanks to all who donated items to the museum, they will be preserved, enjoyed and studied by the community for many years to come.

Memorial books donated to the Homer Library this year (1997 for the year 1996) by the Homer Historical Society were, "Genealogists Companion & Source Book," given in memory of Mary Payne, and "Living Well with Parkinson's" given in memory of Kenneth Fish.

The Society held their annual picnic in June, 1997 with 34 members and guests present. This is a social event intended to encourage members of the community who are interested, to get acquainted and perhaps become members of the Society if they wish. The food is all furnished by the Society and the members had a good time. Good food with good friends was the order of the day. Two new family mem-

berships were added to the roll at that time.

Several years ago, Bruce Vetter offered to put some of our glass negatives (we probably have several hundred) on CD ROM for us. At the time, we were so busy with the building and furnace that we kept it in the back of our minds until we could learn more about what that would mean to us. To be honest with you, some of us are computer illiterate and we needed to become more familiar with the possibilities that having them on CD ROM would give us. Meanwhile, some of us had the privilege of viewing a few of Bruce's family photos that he has put on CD ROM, and words can't describe what can be done with them. By focusing in on a small area of a photo you can bring out distinct details. One remark overheard was "You can see the reflection, of the person who is taking the picture, in the subject's eyes"... In another instance, a photograph taken about the turn of the century showed a lady with her hands behind her back, when you focused in on her hands, you could see she was holding a small bouquet of flowers. You could see each individual flower, but just looking at the photograph you could not see that she was holding anything. It is like a huge window into the past, almost like stepping into the looking glass like "Alice"! Now, we also understand that the CD ROM is a much better way to preserve our images. Bruce plans not only to put our glass negatives but also our photos that have been developed and any documents that are noteworthy on the CD's. The Historical Society is very grateful to Bruce and his family for their patience and generosity.

The "Sons for the American Revolution", asked for and received permission to use the museum for their meeting place. The group consists of people in surrounding communities who are males, 14 and older who are descendants of Civil War Veterans. They hope to have Horner people join their group soon. They also plan to start an auxiliary. They meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday.

The Society again served hot baked potatoes, and nachos at the park in conjunction with Homer's 4th of July Celebration.

After some set backs the A/C was installed in August and we were able to enjoy working in comfort the rest of the summer.



For our "Krazee Daze" open house at the museum in September, the theme was "Butchering Day". There was sausage grinding and cooking demonstrations with samples for the guests to taste. Old butchering tools and pictures were displayed. Our annual bake sale was held outside in front of the museum.

We try to take a day trip one month of the year in place of our regular meeting. This year, thirteen members and one guest traveled to Tuscola in October, stopping to eat lunch at Liga's then on to the Douglas County Museum where they enjoyed the exhibit featuring memorabilia from the 40's and 50's. A replica of an old soda or ice cream parlor brought back memories to many of us, as did a simple jar of "Butch Wax", remember that? We can learn from other museums and get ideas for our own exhibits.

In November, our School Connection Committee, arranged for a soap making demonstration to be given at the Homer School Building. We were assisted by the Homer 5th grade students, some who read prepared scripts to explain the process, and some who actually helped with the measuring and stirring that was a necessary part of the work. Earlier, the students had been asked to save waste grease (from beef and pork frying from their kitchens), as the pioneers and early settlers did. This was the base ingredient of their home made soap. The students were given instructions on how to clean the grease before they brought it to school. Enough waste grease was collected so that only a small amount more was needed to complete the recipe. The demonstration was repeated four times during the day so that a total of eight classes (all of the Homer School K-5) watched and each class was given a block of soap to take to their rooms to observe the curing process which takes about three weeks. This was an interesting day for all concerned. We later received letters from some of the students with comments and drawings about what they liked about the soap-making demonstrations. That was very rewarding for us and the letters are on display at the museum.

Meanwhile, back August, the Society was approached by the Homer Homemakers Extension to co-sponsor a housewalk with them in December. The decision was unanimous to do so. A group of six people was appointed by the presi-

dent to join with a like number from the extension and form a special committee to plan this project. We felt that it was a worthwhile thing to promote the community working together. It turned out to be just that with most of the organizations in the community helping out in some way, school children and church organizations and all. As you remember, the housewalk was held Saturday, December 5. It was a lot of work, and since it was the first one ever in Homer or that any of us was involved with, it was learning experience for everyone.

Also in conjunction with the house walk, the Society planned a special exhibit at the museum, "An Old Fashioned Christmas", which included a tree decorated with antique Christmas ornaments, and antique as well as newer collectible toys and games, etc. on display. Members strung popcorn and cranberry garlands and kindergarten students made red and green paper chains for us. With them hung on the tree and windows, the museum really looked festive. The exhibit was opened special hours December 5th to the 18th. Hope all of you came to see it!!!

One December 8th we were pleased and happy to open the museum for the Allerton Historical Society, giving them a special tour. Homer Historical Society members served cookies and drinks.

Since the housewalk homeowners did not get to visit the museum on the day of the housewalk, we decided to invite them, their families or anyone they knew of who did not get to the museum because of the housewalk, to a special opening just for them on Thursday, December the 11th. Almost all of the homeowners were able to attend. Refreshments were served. This turned out to be so successful that we will consider doing it again if there is ever another housewalk. It gave us a chance to talk to the homeowners, to thank them and get their feelings about how the housewalk and were glad they participated.

So ends a busy year with the Homer Historical Society. We hope you will visit your museum often. Remember it is now heated in winter and air conditioned in summer for your viewing comfort. Open Thursdays 1:30 to 4:00 and admission is free.

# Board Members

## Community Development Board Members

The Community Development Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Stan Cato, President, 688-2791
- Tim Kirby, Vice President, 896-2323
- Kim Matthis, Secretary, Treasurer, 896-2689
- Jim Little, Liason, 896-2843
- Spencer Eli, 896-2099
- Pat Varvel, 896-2392
- Norma Diel, 896-2737
- Troy Preston, 896-2128
- Don Glenn, 896-2776
- Dave Lucas, Advisor, 896-2618
- Kelly Vetter, 896-2224

## Homer Village Board Members

The Homer Village Board meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Jim Little, 896-2843
- Joe Humphrey, Trustee, 896-2597
- Kevin Thomas, 896-2816
- Orlena Pruitt, Trustee, 896-2748
- Mike Johnson, Trustee, 896-2228
- Mike Stayton, Trustee, 896-2181
- Dave Lucas, Mayor, 896-2618

## Homer Zoning Board Members

The Homer Zoning Board meets as needed at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. You may contact any of the board members listed below to find out when the next meeting is. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Barb Gilhaus, President, 896-2237
- Chuck Benner, Secretary, 896-2516
- Elizabeth Rexrode, 896-2687
- Ginny Dillon, 896-2719
- Don Glenn, Zoning Administrator, 896-2776
- Gene Happ, 896-2004
- Mike Flichinger, 896-2815

The Homer Zoning Board has one vacancies to fill. Their next meeting is May 28, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions. If you are interested in filling one of the vacancies, please contact Barb Gilhaus at 896-2237 or Dave Lucas at 896-2618, Homer Recreation Board Members.

## Homer Recreation Board Members

The Homer Recreation Board normally meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. This may be verified each month by contacting any of the board members listed below. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Betty Lacey, President, 896-2365
- Meredith Emert, Secretary, 896-2258

- Ila Patel, Treasurer, 896-2767
- Kate Vetter, 896-2224
- Lynne Krause, 896-2336
- Tim Kirby, 896-23239
- Josh Lucas, 896-2618

## Homer Youth League Board Members

- Mike Johnson, President, 896-2228
- Stacy Johnson, Secretary, 896-2228
- Tom Wakefield, Vice President, 896-2347
- Lisa Wakefield, Treasurer, 896-2347
- Ricki Latham, Director of Concessions, 896-2088
- Kevin Latham, Director of Equipment, 896-2088
- Kim Little, Co/Director of Fundraising, 896-2849
- Stephanie Beamer, Co/Director of Fundraising, 896-3800
- Cindy Pruitt, Director of Public Relations, 896-2114
- Andrea Wilsey, Director at Large, 896-2355
- Jim Swathwood, Director at Large, 896-2861
- Dale Katterhenry, Director at Large, 896-2647

## Homer Library Board Members

The Homer Library meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions

- Sara Essig, President, 896-2772
- Linda Pruitt, Secretary, 896-2742
- Marilyn Collins, Treasurer, 896-2282
- Leanne Lucas, 896-2618
- Gertrude Brown, 896-2049
- Jeanine Bensken, Vice President, 896-2693
- Cindy James, 896-3014

All terms are for 6 years

## Homer Historical Society Board Members

The Homer Historical Society Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Historical Society on Main Street. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Molly Shoaf, President, 896-2549
- Gene Happ, Vice President, 896-2004
- Charlotte Brown, Secretary, (217) 582-2056
- Evelyn Cope, Treasurer, 896-2583

## Homer Home Extension Board Members

The Homer Home Extension Board meets the third Friday of each month at 12:30 in members homes. There is no meeting time in August. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings and make suggestions.

- Mary Ann Rohl co-chairman, 896-2270
- Virginia Baird co-chairman, 896-2207
- 1st vice chairman Pat Varvel, 896-2392
- 2nd vice chairman Bonnie Baird, 896-2150
- Secretary Shirley Miller, 96-2340
- Treasurer Lois Hockersmith, 896-2553

If you would like to list your nonprofit organization board members, please contact Kim Matthis at 896-2689 or Stan Cato at the Homer IGA.

## Homer Residents

The Homer Community Development Board (CDB), along with the help of research assistants from the University of Illinois, is conducting a needs assessment survey aimed at uniting the immediate and long-term goals of the CDB with the goals and desires of the residents of Homer. Through focus groups with various segments of our community, the help of a community development consultant, and comments and suggestions from citizens, the CDB has developed a vision statement and an abundance of corresponding ideas about how to create a successful future for the village of Homer. We hope this survey will help to prioritize existing ideas and projects, as well as identify new ones.

A random sample of approximately 400 households was selected to participate in this mail survey. Success depends upon the percentage of households that fill out and return the survey. Therefore, your response is critical! A low response rate will mean the CDB cannot act decisively or confidently on the information gathered in the survey. As an incentive, we will draw one household from those that returned their survey to receive a gift certificate for Dave's restaurant in downtown Homer. All names and responses will be kept absolutely confidential.

If you were not selected in the random sample and feel strongly about participating, you may pick up a survey at either the Homer IGA or the Village Hall. Surveys will be mailed out in early April, and are due back near the end of April. Exact deadlines will be included with the survey. Results will be presented at a town meeting sometime in May.

*Thank You,  
Homer Community Development Board*

## Message from the Mayor

As many of you already know, Homer was awarded a grant from the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. The award was for \$400,000, to be used to drill and develop a new well and a transmission line to enhance the Village's limited water supply. Our thanks to everyone who helped us procure this funding. We are currently looking at beginning well drilling in July and laying pipe in late August. This is slightly behind schedule, but I believe we can still make our goal of new water in Homer this fall.

The completion of this project will mean new homes and families in Homer. I believe this is a key-stone project to move Homer into a time of growth and development.

The Community Development Board will be mailing out some surveys this month. These surveys are critical in providing information to the Village Board. With this information, we will have a better idea of where to focus our efforts. An example where this information would have helped is in our decision not to fund the summer recreation program. The cost was very high and we had very little information on how many kids would be participating. We also didn't know if this was a program the residents of the Village wanted. So, when you get your survey this month, take time to carefully and thoughtfully fill it out. Your ideas are needed to make Homer a better place to raise your family.

In other news, there is an effort in town to create a teen center in the downtown area. The vision is to have a place for people to gather with adult supervision and some structure. A similar facility exists in Fisher and is very successful. If you are interested in participating in this venture, let me know and I will hook you up with the right people.

I would like to close by thanking Joe Humphrey for his services to the Village during the time we were without a maintenance supervisor. Joe volunteered his time and services helping Gary Smith with his duties. He helped remove all that March snow from the streets and performed several other duties. Our thanks to you, Joe.

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# Krazee Daze Announcement

The Homer Recreation board members have had some time to recuperate from the Christmas activities. We really expected to have a long, cold, snowy winter, so we planned to have our Sunday night adult game nights. Twice each month we opened the city building, made a pot of coffee, had some cookies and hoped for people, who were tired of bad television or who just wanted to get out of the house, to come. The people who came enjoyed board games. It had been a long time since we had played Dominoes and the double nines tricked these old eyes. One player was hard to beat at Chinese Checkers, another beat everyone at regular checkers. One night Trivial Pursuit was the noisy game. We feel it was a good idea and will probably try it again during next winter.

Once again it is budget time and we find everything will cost us a little more to have the same quality entertainment at the 4th of July "Day in the Park" and at the annual fall festival known as "Krazee Daze". We already have contracts for the D.J.'s and for the games. The fireworks display will be chosen the first week in April at a demonstration put on by the fireworks company. If there is anyone who would like to help us as a volunteer we sure would appreciate the help. There are many jobs to do and the regular board members are overloaded on those days.

People who will be having food stands at the park need to make their plans so that when they are contacted, final arrangements can be made. Any crafts vendors who read this and want more information about "Krazee Daze" call Betty Lacey at 217-896-2365.

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## HOMER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Card Shop, 105 S. Main St., \$6,500 contact Janet Driver 896-2617

Homer Car Wash, 110 N. Main St., \$20,000 contact Wolf Real Estate 896-2253

If you would like to list a business or building for sale on Main Street in Homer, please contact Kim Matthis at 896-2689 or Stan Cato at the Homer IGA. (There is no charge for this service.)

## News from the Youth League

Play Ball! Once again, it's that time of the year. Parents driving to and from ball diamonds. Kids games, kids practices, Dad's coaching, Mom's coaching. "When is supper?" "It's raining, no game tonight." This is a busy time of summer for everyone and especially for the members of the Homer Youth League. They are all busy trying to keep teams going, the field in tip top shape, schedules straight and let's not forget keeping the concessions stand stocked for all of us team supporters.

For those of you that spend several months of your summer at the ball fields, you may have noticed quite a lot of changes and improvements. Due to wonderful community support and the very hard work of the Homer Youth League board members over the past few years, they have been able to make great accomplishments. They have installed a new fence around the small diamond as well as being able to lime it. Both diamonds have new back stops and they have been able to get lights installed for all those late games. For those of us that visit the concession stand, it has been slightly remodeled and the menu has been expanded. There is even a picnic table.

This season, the board members are hoping to begin work on a new concession stand that will be larger and also have a bigger storage area.

The Homer Youth League has one major fund raiser that begins when the children sign up. The members then have a concession at "Krazee Daze". Last year was a great success.

The members of the board would like to thank all of the area business and individuals that have helped make the youth league what it is today. We could not have made the improvements without your assistance. Once again, thank you and we hope this year will be a larger success than last year.

Come on out this summer and take in a ball game. Look around and see what a difference you have made.

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**HOMER HOUSEHOLD**

BY NORMA DIEL

**Homer Homemakers Unit News**

In February, the Homemakers welcomed a new member to the Unit. Pat Butler joined the group, as they made plans for their March International luncheon. Each year the Unit studies a different country, learning about their customs, land and food. Each March, a luncheon is planned featuring the foods of that country. This year the Unit has been learning about our neighbor to the North, Canada.

The International luncheon will take place March 20, at the home of Ruth Taylor. Members will bring a Canadian Dish to share. Following, is a popular Canadian dessert featuring blueberries, which are plentiful in Canada.

**CANADIAN BAKED BLUEBERRY DESSERT**

- 1lb. fresh blueberries or 16 oz. pkg. frozen blueberries
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 cup brown sugar (divide in half)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2/3 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup margarine

In ungreased casserole dish, toss blueberries with lemon juice. In a separate bowl, mix cornstarch with 1/2 cup of brown sugar. Stir in blueberries. Mix flour, oats, the remainder of brown sugar, and salt. Cut margarine in with a fork, and sprinkle the mixture over the blueberries. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until light brown. Serve with ice cream.

In April, the members will travel to St. Joseph for an area meeting with other units. A lesson on Disaster Preparedness will be given. In May, the Unit will meet at Norma Diel's, and then proceed downtown to plant flowers in the new planters.

# An Ordinance Regulating Park Hours, Use, and Providing Curfews

The park located in the Village of Homer, Southeast of Coffeen and Caroline Streets shall be open during summer hours (April 1 through October 31) from sunrise until 10:00 p.m. and during winter hours (November 1 through March 31) from sunrise until sunset.

All persons, except employees of the Village, whose duties require their presence, shall leave the park promptly at 10:00 p.m. during summer hours and at sunset during winter hours. Use of the park shall not begin during summer hours or winter hours prior to sunrise unless permission for extended use shall have been obtained from village authorities. Applications for Extended Use shall be submitted to the Village Clerk not less than five business days prior to the date on which an application plans to make extended use of the park.

A permit for extended use of the park hours may be granted by the Village of Designee is the following conditions have been met:

1. That the planned extended use will be for a purpose of recreational activities, and that such activities cannot otherwise take place between the normal park hours.
2. That the person, group of persons, association, or corporation applying for extended use will assume responsibility and liability for the acts of all persons participating in the planned activity and shall assume responsibility and liability for any injury by any person participating in the planned activity.
3. That the person or group applying for

extended use will assume liability for any damage to the Village property.

4. That all activities will be properly controlled and supervised.

5. That whenever persons participating in the planned activity are under eighteen years of age, adequate adult chaperones will be provided. Chaperones must be approved by the Village Clerk and the Health Inspector,

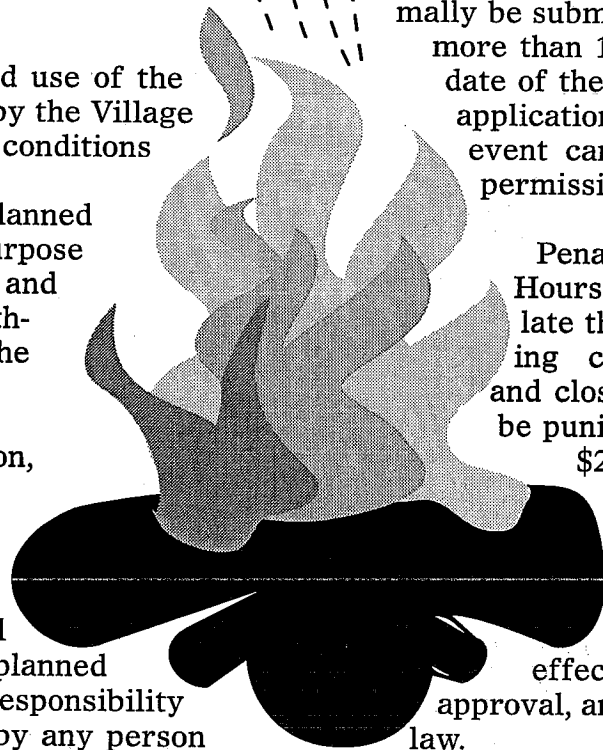
**Public Assembly and Meetings:** No persons, association, or corporation shall call or hold any public meeting or assembly or any private meeting or assembly involving more than twenty-five people or give or conduct any concert, performance, public exhibition, or entertainment of any kind in the Village Park unless permission for such activity shall have been obtained from the Village Clerk and the Health Inspector.

Applications for Permission shall normally be submitted to the Village Clerk not more than 10 business days prior to the date of the event. Failure to submit an application for submission prior to the event can be grounds for refusal of permission.

**Penalty for Violation of Park Hours:** Any person who shall violate the park's provisions concerning curfew and hours of opening and closing of the Village Park may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$25.00 for each occurrence and each occurrence and each violation thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Presented, passed, and approved on 17th day of February.



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# Peace Meal

Peace Meal is open Monday - Friday for lunch, any senior 60 plus years old is welcome to attend.

We also deliver hot meals to seniors who are unable to get out, so please call if you or someone you know would like this service provided.

All the volunteers who deliver meals help serve and help with parties. Thanks to all the people who have donated to the Peace Meal program in the last year to make it a success. Also, I would like to thank the local IGA for their help in advertising, fundraising, and support of this much needed program.

For information or reservations, please call Sharon Jeffers at 896-2668 or at 896-2121.

This is all the information that was received by the News and Views article, however, it appears that someone has been left out in the appreciation department. Sharon Jeffers does a tremendous job with our seniors and the Peace Meal program and we feel that she deserves a big "thank you" from all the seniors and residents in Homer for her dedication and interest in the program. So from all the people of Homer --- Thanks Sharon for making "Homer Peace Meal 1997" a success.



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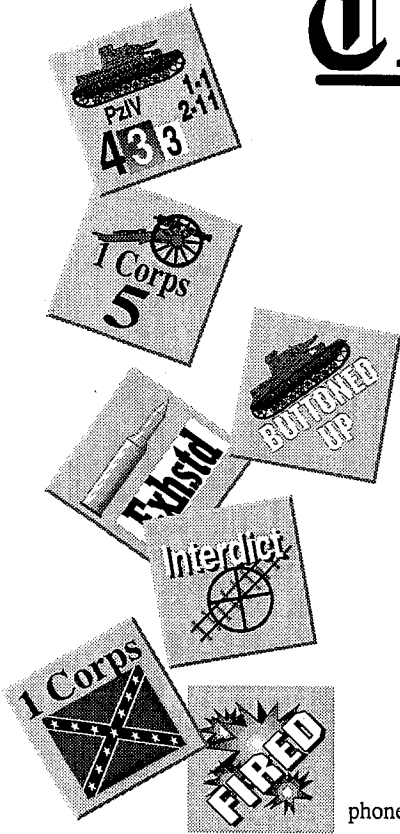
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