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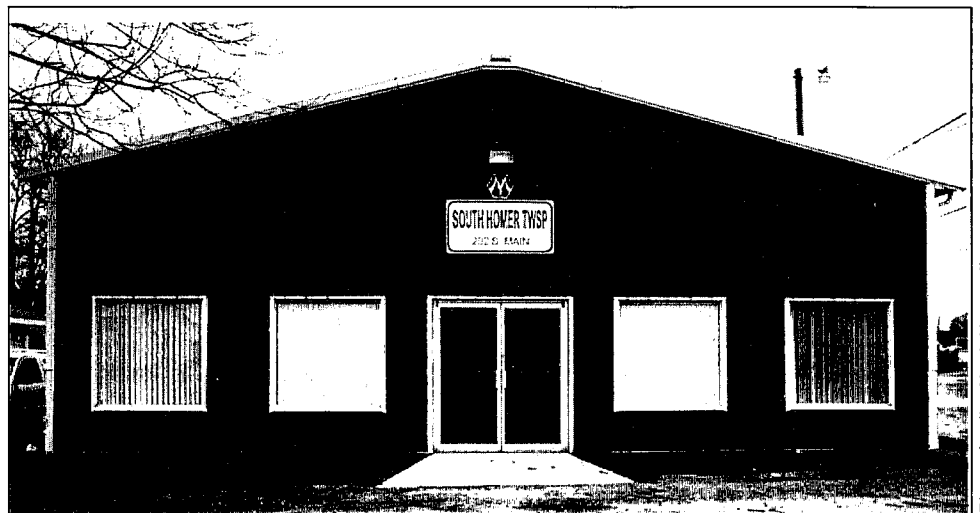
South Homer Township

by CHRIS REEL

Sixteen hour days, seven people, and \$4,500 in labor and fuel is what it took to clean up township roads after the New Year's weekend storm.

The main purpose of the township level of government is to take care of rural roads. Any major snowstorm means extra work for the Road Commissioner and his crew. Elbert Rogers, South Homer Township's Road Commissioner since his election in the spring of 1997, has the authority to hire people as needed to plow snow and repair roads in the township. Following January's big storm, township officials anticipate federal disaster funds will reimburse them for about 75% of the cost of the clean-up.

The main source of funding for the township is property taxes. However, funds from the motor fuel tax provide for oil and rock for roads that are oil-and-chipped. The county places competitive bids for the townships in order to get the best prices. The materials are then distributed to the townships. Bridges are built and maintained with a 50/50 split of



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expenses with the county. The road commissioner does minor repairs on bridges; the rest of bridge work is contracted out. All of the township's bridges are new in the past 20 years. The county Superintendent of Highways is available for consulting on road work and must approve all major expenses and repairs.

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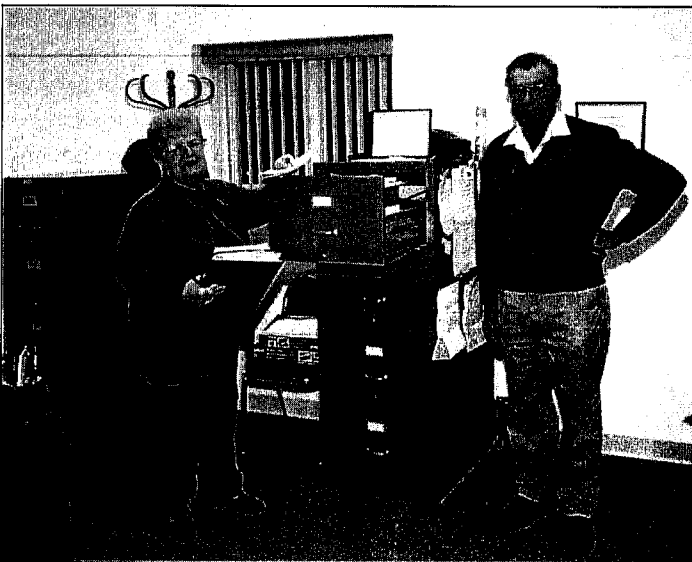
South Homer Township *continued*

east to the Champaign/Vermilion County line, and from 600 north to the old state road, an area approximately four miles by six miles square. Most townships are six miles square; ours is smaller because of the county line.

Republican and Democrat candidates for township office are nominated at a caucus. Independent candidates may run by filing a petition. When a vacancy occurs in the middle of a term, the trustees will appoint someone to finish out the term. All township officials are elected every four years in the spring election. The last one was in 1997. At that time, in addition to the road commissioner, other officials elected include Supervisor Don Morgen, Clerk Katie Woodmansee, and the four trustees, Kenneth MacInnes, Richard Freeman, Connie Messman and Cheryl Baird. The clerk serves as secretary for the township, taking minutes at the meetings, posting notices in the papers, preparing payroll and reports to the county and state. Katie Woodmansee has served as clerk since 1985. The supervisor also serves as treasurer for the township. Previously a trustee for about 22 years, Don Morgan was elected supervisor in 1997. The trustees meet with the officials on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss township business and approve bills.

The township is also required to hold an annual meeting, which will be on April 20th this year. At this time, the income and expenses for the fiscal year which ended March 31st will be reported. The public is welcome to attend any township meetings, which are now held at 202 South Main Street in their new location south of the railroad tracks.

The township purchased this building in November, 1997, remodeled it and moved from the village hall in August, 1998. The new location affords much more room than the previous location, and consolidates all township activity in one place. The road commissioner has a supply area behind the building and a heated garage in the back of the building. The building is light and airy. A separate conference room



Supervisor Don Morgan, and Clerk Katie Woodmansee in the South Homer Township Office.



South Homer Township Board members: (L-R) Richard Freeman, Cheryl Baird, Katie Woodmansee, Elbert Rogers, Don Morgan, Connie Messman, and Kenneth MacInnes.

features a table which came from the original township office in what is now the Historical Society building.

In addition to maintaining roads and bridges, the township also provides two types of assistance, general and emergency. Most assistance involves paying bills for essential services such as power, and can also include paying rent and providing food.

The supervisor is also responsible for setting up for elections, setting up and taking down voting booths and delivering the ballots for all elections. This job is complicated by the fact that there are many varying districts in some elections, requiring different ballots and separate booths.

For the past six or seven years, the township has also maintained two rural cemeteries, the Old Homer Cemetery just south of the river on Route 49 and the Lost Grove Cemetery at 800 North on the Broadlands road. The latter is no longer open for burials because of inadequate record keeping in the past. The Old Homer Cemetery has been the site of several burials recently. These lots are free to residents of the township and immediate family only.

The township supervisor and clerk also serve on the multi-township assessor board, along with the corresponding officials from Raymond and Ayers townships. These six people oversee the assessor's office.

Our local township trustees and officials receive little recognition but do a lot of important and unglamorous work to keep roads repaired, cemeteries maintained, and the needy cared for. The clerk and supervisor deal with a lot of paperwork in maintaining records and filing reports. The road commissioner works hard keeping our roads and bridges in good shape. These people are to be commended for their dedication and expertise.

Participants Wanted for the Homer Community Wide Garage Sales

Sponsored by the Community Development Board



Each applicant will be automatically entered in a drawing for four \$25 cash prizes.

Applications available at local businesses
\$5 sign up fee (for advertising)

Deadline for sign up April 16th, 1999



Homer Recreation Board

Dear fellow Homer citizens,

Hi! Let me introduce myself, my name is Kate Vetter, and I have lived in Homer all of my life. I am a full time college student majoring in History, I work in my dad's (Bruce Vetter) factory doing computer work. I also serve you as president and secretary of the Recreation Board, thus the reason for this letter. Each one of us lives in Homer, some for many years, some relatively new comers. We are business owners, teachers, mothers, students — people just like you. We all have an investment in the future of Homer, we are all here for you, the community.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Homer Recreation Board to let you know what we're doing with your tax dollars. I won't bog you down with the details, that's usually the last thing that you want to read when you began to scan these articles, so I'll just cut to the quick.

- 1 We need new members. I understand (better than most) how hard it is to find time to volunteer. But it really isn't as bad as you might think! Only a few hours a month can make a huge difference to the community. To be specific of our need, we could desperately use a secretary. But we also need volunteers to make phone calls, write letters, enter data, and all the little things that is hard for us to keep up with. Please consider giving me a call to see if you can do something that would fit in with your schedule.
- 2 We are trying to serve you better. We have been discussing the future of the Rec board, how we can better serve you, and better distribute the work. We plan to do what it takes to restructure the system so that we can utilize the talent we have, and not overburden the hard working volunteers that have selflessly given up their time and energy to serve. We also have a lofty dream of transforming Crazy Daze into what it used to be, a fun filled large celebration, instead of a dying icon of our town's poverty. We would love to hear from you about things that you have liked that the Recreation Board has done, or perhaps things that have rubbed you the wrong way.

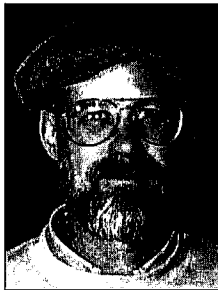
We are here to serve you, and we would like to know how to do that better, but we can do nothing if you don't tell us! So please, e-mail me with any of your questions or comments, daferne@net66.com or ferne@prairienet.org, or call 896-2224 and ask for Kate.

Respectfully,
your public servant, Kate Vetter
and the Homer Recreation Board.

From the Mayor

TIF Update

The Village Board has put the TIF District on the back burner for now. With the election coming up, I thought it prudent to wait. Currently the greatest opposition to TIF districts for residential development in smaller communities is coming from Champaign County, and The Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. The Board of Directors for the RPC is composed of The Mayors of Champaign and Urbana, the President of the County Board and a representative from Rantoul. This board will have a new make up after the election that may be more receptive to our proposal for a residential TIF. If that is the case, we can get their support and possibly use RPC to help us set the district up. There would be cost savings to Homer in this through lower consultant fees and, without the threat of a law suite, lower legal fees.



Mayor Lucas

Illegal Hookup reminder

By way of reminder, the Village Board passed a moratorium on prosecuting illegal storm sewer hookups until September 1999. This is to give people time to check their waste treatment systems to make sure they are compliant. If you need help in checking your system you can contact the Village Hall at 896-2521, to set up an appointment for a dye test of your system. If you find that your system is connected to the storm sewer system, you must disconnect and install a proper waste treatment system. You can get information on different types of systems from the County Health Board, or from our local plumbers. If you need financial assistance, there is help available through several State and Federal agencies.

If your system is not compliant by September of this year and is discovered, you may be fined and have your system disconnected. This scenario is what the Village Board was trying to avert by giving people this one year moratorium to make corrections. We don't want to be heavy-handed, but we must correct this serious problem.

On Street Parking

There has been some questions and confusion on the 'parking ordinance'. Allow me to give you a quick overview of the ordinance. It basically says that if you park your car on the village easement in front of your house, you need to park it parallel instead of at an angle. That is the extent of the ordinance. It is not intended to prevent people from parking on the street, or eliminate this privilege people in Homer have enjoyed for many years. It is simply to maintain the widest possible roadway. It was our intention to institute a process

that would change peoples 'parking habits' by way of an information campaign. I realize it takes everyone time to change the way they are used to doing things. I want to thank those who embraced this effort and have tried to comply with this request. The effort was initiated after the big snow of January when it became clear that the diagonal parking was making it difficult to plow the streets. Having wider streets is also helpful to farmers who drive equipment on village streets as well as grain trucks, delivery trucks, school buses, and regular traffic.

Some feel there are too many 'rules' for a small town and trying to improve the appearance of and functionality of the community is foolish. I disagree with that assessment. I want to live in a community that is orderly and where people respect each other. I view these efforts as reminders that we are a collection of families who have chosen to live together in community. We must conduct ourselves in such a way that respects and considers the needs and rights of others. If we all do these things the quality of life of OUR village will increase for everyone.

Water Line Update

As many of you have heard or read in the NG, the paperwork for the new well field and water line extension is finally complete. We will be drilling new wells as soon as the contractor gets his equipment in the field. Once the aquifer is verified as to its capacity and a well is drilled, the water line will be started. This process should go fairly quickly. We are looking forward to seeing the completion of what has been a 20-year quest for water by this summer.

Homer Beach Purchase

The Village Board has been debating the purchase of the 'Homer Beach' building in downtown Homer for several months. I have introduced a resolution for the purchase of the building in order to gain control of it. It is my intention to purchase the building and make it secure, safe from falling debris, and to remodel the facade to beautify the downtown area. I can appreciate the hesitancy of the Board in making this decision. It's not what I would prefer. It should be the responsibility of owners to keep up the appearance of their property, but in this situation, I have decided that Village government must act in absence of that personal responsibility for the good of the village. If you have any opinion on this issue please contact your village representatives in order for us to get as broad an information base as possible. Community input will help us make the right decision.

David Lucas
Mayor, Village of Homer

Homer American Legion Auxiliary News

Homer Unit #290 met at the post home for their March meeting on March 8th. We had a guest join us. We invite anyone that might be interested in joining our great organization to attend our meetings to see what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about.

Members reported 63 volunteer hours for the month of February. There were seven Auxiliary and two Legion members that attended Super Binge at Danville VA Hospital on Saturday, March 6th. We took 43 dozen cookies, fruit and caps that were donated by members to be distributed to the veterans.

Junior Activities Chairman, Deb Happ, reported that the Juniors have designed a uniform that they would like to purchase to wear when marching with the Auxiliary and Legion. The unit approved the design and gave them the go ahead to purchase. She reported that the Juniors made 12 dozen cookies for the Super Binge at Danville VA Hospital.

Past Presidents Parley Chairman and Chris Jones, reported that there is one person interested in applying for the PPP Nurses Scholarship. The paperwork is being filled out and is due by April 1st.

Blood Bank Referral Chairman, Lori Rushing, reported that the unit will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Main Fire Station on March 22nd from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. All are urged to donate as blood donations have been low and they are in need of blood. Chris Jones is the contact person should you want to make an appointment to donate at a specific time. You may also donate at the blood center and ask them to credit our drive with your donation.

Illini Girls State Chairman, Lori Rushing, reported that the girls interested in Illini Girls State will be at the April meeting. Applications for Girls State need to be into the Department by May 1st. The unit voted to send three delegates again this year if the interest is there.

The unit voted to donate our proceeds from the Valentine's Dance to the RIF program at the Homer Community Library and the Heritage High School chapter of S.A.D.D.

The unit will be hosting the annual Legion Birthday Potluck Dinner to be held at the post home on March 26th at 6:30 p.m. All Auxiliary, Junior Aux., Legion, SAL, and working members and their families are invited to attend. Cards are being mailed to all members. The unit voted to hold the annual Memorial Day Smorgasbord at the post home.

The Nominating Committee for 1999-2000 was elected. They are to report back to the unit at the May meeting with a slate of officers. They are: Chris Jones, Chair; Carolyn Dodd, Deb Happ, Lauri Umbarger, and Evelyn Cope.

Champaign County Council meeting will be April 7th at St. Joe. Anyone interested in attending should contact Lori Rushing.

Homemakers Extension News

Extension members were very pleased at the response to our "Christmas at Home" celebration and housewalk on Dec. 5th. Many hours of planning brought a full day of events to the village, and many people came from a distance for the day. About 400 toured the homes. Many thanks to all who worked to make the day a big success.

On Dec. 12th, Home Extension members served a "Thank You" dinner at the City Building for the 1997 and 1998 homeowners who graciously opened their homes for the housewalk. Good food, and getting aquatinted and visiting, made for an enjoyable evening.

Members braved the snow and ice to meet at Norma Diel's home on Jan 15th, for a lesson on "New Look at Diabetes Diet". The Feb. 19th meeting was at Norma Vineyard's home with Pat Varvel as co-hostess. Jim Fish of First National Bank presented a very informative talk on "Cashless Society"

Several members met at Mary Katterhenry's home in Sidney in February to work on a quilt representing every Extension unit in Champaign County. The quilt traveled all over the county with many members quilting on this very interesting quilt. Homer Unit's quilt block was designed and put together by Betty Lacey.

Eleven Homer members attended the county International luncheon at the Farm Bureau auditorium on Feb. 22nd. Also, our unit was recently pleased to welcome Marilyn Collins and Bonnie Compton as new members.

The March 19th meeting will be the unit International Luncheon at Ruth Taylor's home, with Mary Ann Rohl as co-hostess. Marilyn Collins will present the lesson on "Changing Role of Women".

Anyone over age 18 is welcome to join Home Extension at any time. Dues for one year just \$10.00, and guests are always welcome.

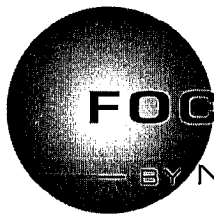
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FOCUSING ON HOMER'S BUSINESSES

BY NAOMI ROBERTS

UNCLE BOONIE'S BAIT SHOP

Uncle Boonie's Bait Shop began in 1987, because Everett Walters didn't want to see Don and Betty Moore's bait shop close. Walters purchased the shop from them, built a new building, and on Labor Day in 1988 opened for business in a new location. Now, eleven years later, Uncle Boonies Bait Shop is still open and offering fishermen a full line of bait and tackle. Walters carries rods, reels, lures, bass baits and spinners, and he even does some minor reel repair. He also offers a full license service for hunting and fishing.

Even though the bait shop hours are Monday through Friday 7a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the shop is never closed on the weekend during fishing season. Walters manages this feat via a refrigerator just outside the entrance. Inside the refrigerator, he stores live bait, such as Georgia jumpers, night crawlers, wax, meal, and red worms. Customers help themselves and pay through a slot in the building near the door. Customers pay according to the price sheet posted. Like the Amish, in rural Authur, Walter's



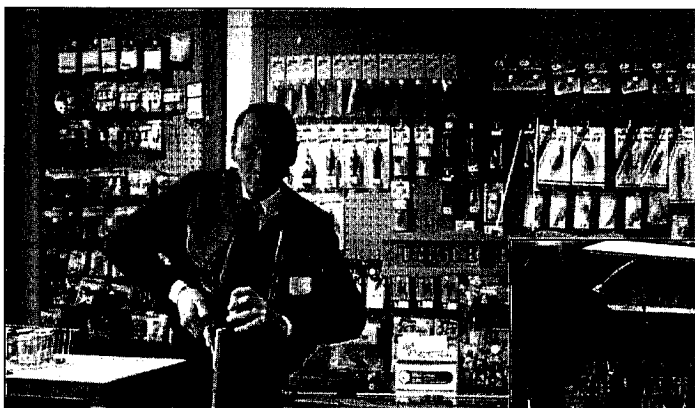
Photo by Jim Alfred, Homer, IL

weekend business is on the honor system, but he doesn't worry. He knows his customers are honest, so much that some leave him tips. Only once in 11 years was he ever robbed, and they took everything. He feels it was more of a dare than actual theft.

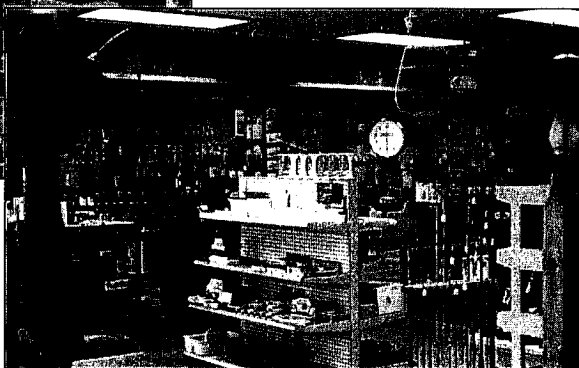
Walters is pretty handy in the business. He built all the worm bedding out of organic matter. He gives a lot of good advice to fishermen, hunters, and anyone who stops by. He also is willing and ready to take a coffee break with anyone.

The bait shop is a hobby, albeit a full-time hobby, but Walters' real vocation is being an electrical contractor. As an electrician, he specializes in commercial work, but also works on motors and machinery. His unique gift is troubleshooting; finding problems other people can't find.

Stop by 402 W. 1st St. for your bait and tackle, or electrical needs, or call Walters at 896-2619.



Everett (Uncle Boonie) Walters in the bait shop. These two photos were taken shortly after the shop opened in 1988.



Splinters from the Board

As spring time approaches, the Homer Community Development Board wants to be the first kid on the block with a garage sale. We have scheduled a Community-Wide Garage Sale for April 30th 4 PM to 8 PM and May 1st 8 AM to 1 PM. All participants must register and pay \$5.00, which will be used for advertising and expenses.

Applications are available at all Homer businesses, so pick one up and get registered today. All applications must be turned in no later than April 16th. Those turned in after that date cannot be listed on the garage sale map.

A red balloon will be used to designate the garage sales that are in the community-wide sale. Balloons may be picked up at the village hall after 12:00 noon April 30th. We are in hopes that all residents planning a garage sale this year will take advantage of the mass advertising for this community wide sale and make this a successful event to be put on the calendar as a yearly event.

A little incentive has been added to get all residents to register for the sale and be a part of the community wide project. We will be offering four (4) \$25.00 winners to be drawn from the registration box.

The Community Development Board would like to extend a hearty welcome to Dan and Bobbi Gordon who recently moved to Homer. Bobbi has joined the Community Development Board as our secretary, and Dan has joined the Homer Youth League as Field Manager. Welcome Gordons!

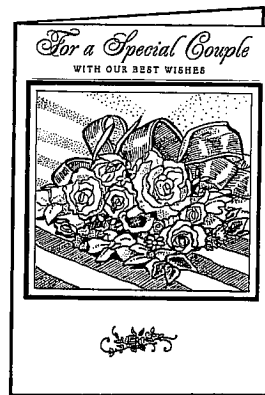
As election time draws near we will more than likely see some new faces on the Village Board. One face that will be missing from that board is that of Jim Little. I hope the residents are aware of the tremendous job Jim has done in the time he has been on the board. Jim has also served on the Community Development Board as liaison to the Village Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for the fine job he has done on both boards. Thanks Jim (and Mary & Paul)!

One last bit of information concerning the growth of Homer. Our board had brought various programs before the Village Board as possible growth programs for the community. The board has simply said there is no funding for these programs at this time. We have to respect the Village Board members for their decisions. After all, They are responsible for spending our tax dollars. This means that if we are to grow, there must be money coming from somewhere to support these programs. Many of you have heard of the TIF Program used by many small communities to generate monies to use in all areas of growth and improvement in the village.

We on the Community Development Board support Mayor Lucas in his efforts to establish a TIF Program in our community, as has been done by many surrounding communities.

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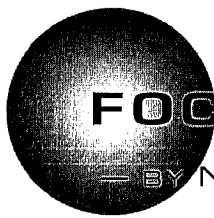
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FOCUSING ON HOMER'S BUSINESSES

BY NAOMI ROBERTS

HOMER MEDICAL CLINIC

In 1981, Homer was in dire need of a physician, so several citizens formed the Homer Health Association in order to find a physician willing to relocate to Homer and set up practice. The News Gazette ran an article about Homer's search for a physician, and shortly thereafter Dr. Mahindra Patel answered Homer's call. Along with the Homer Health Association, Cole Hospital was instrumental in bringing Dr. Patel to Homer. Patel has been here just shy of twenty years and has no plans to leave.

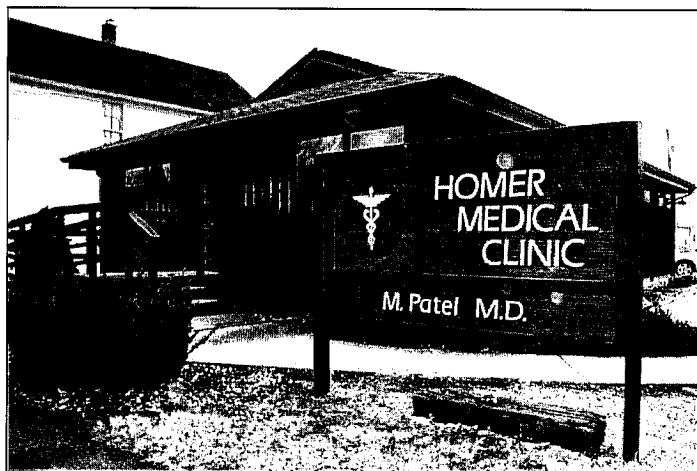
Dr. Patel is a native of India, where he earned his medical degree at the B J Medical College in Ahmadabad. He finished his internal medicine residency at Bergen Pines County Hospital in Paramus, New Jersey. As a doctor of internal medicine, he treats mainly adults, but he has seen some children for minor problems.

Patel is one of the few remaining independent physicians with his own office and no affiliations to any hospital, although when he must admit a patient he uses Covenant Hospital. Being an independent physician is a rare thing now



Dr. Mahindra Patel

days and Dr. Patel is admired and respected for choosing to be on his own, and for choosing to be a doctor in a small, rural community. Few physicians want the overhead expense of maintaining their own building. Patel's office has two examining rooms and a lab. In the lab, he does all his own blood tests, but sends other types of tests out to a national lab. He employs three receptionists. The Homer Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00, but Dr. Patel is not in the office everyday. He also offers his services to the community of Villa Grove. Call the office (896-2491) for an appointment. Patel feels he provides the people of Homer with a good medical service and he is always open to and even welcomes phone calls.



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Homer Church News

HOMER CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

The Homer Church of Christ has now been at its new location for 1 1/2 years. Time flies when you are having fun in the Lord. We are enjoying the Fresh Wind of God's Holy Spirit that continues to direct our praise and worship experiences. God has blessed our fellowship with a strong group of youth, and several of our graduating seniors have been accepted at Lincoln Christian College and seminary in Lincoln, Illinois.

Recently, we added a special informal prayer night, when we meet at the church to cry to God and to express our Love to Him. Everyone is welcome to share with us every Thursday night at 6:30.

A new ministry at the Homer Church of Christ is one called FRESH WIND MINISTRIES. Our minister David Burns, began sending our devotions through email in November of 1996. Now, the subscription to this list has grown to over 3,400 people around the world. Anyone can subscribe free of charge by just sending an email to: SUB-eMedList@infr.com. In just a few days, April 10th, Fresh Wind Ministries will be holding a special Spiritual Renewal Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Everyone is welcome to join us for this conference at the Days Inn (Airport) 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 pm (CDT). See the enclosed Ad for registration information.

We have entered into another three years of faith walk! God has led us to continue to complete our building project. What we are in now is only stage one, and we are now beginning to prepare for stage two. We will be having a celebration banquet on May 24th and step out on faith to accomplish God's Will in this project! Doug Laird from Arizona will be our consultant again through the next three years. The only reason we are interested in building buildings is for God to use them as tools to reach and minister to people in the Homer area. What an exciting opportunity.

We'd like to invite you to come and celebrate the New Life we have in Jesus, every Lord's Day. We have Bible Studies for all ages Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Currently we have three studies for adults: Abundant Living: A Study of the Gospel of John; Spiritual Warfare and study on Prayer. Our Sunday morning celebration time starts at 10:30 a.m. and is led by a praise team, synthesizer and we enjoy contemporary praise worship. Come and join us if you do not have a church home! If you want to know more about the Homer Church of Christ, call us at 896-2332.

HOMER GRADUATES ACCEPTED AT LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Recently, a number of Heritage Seniors students were honored and congratulated for their acceptance at major

Universities. Out of this number, however, several were not mentioned for their honorable acceptance at a major Bible College, Lincoln Christian College, in Lincoln, Illinois. To show our support and appreciation for all our college bound students, we would like to congratulate the following students of Heritage High School and members of the Homer Church of Christ on their acceptance to Lincoln Christian College: Jennifer Burns, Angela Cheever, Dustin Copass, Joel Eagles, Andrea Eagles, Eric Fogelson and Tara Jenkins.

FROM THE PRESBYTERIANS

March and early April had special events in the church year. On March 14th we heard Susan Barbour from First Church in Champaign speak to us and show slides of her experience in a hospital in Malawi. Susan is a pre-med student at Dartmouth, who served as a mission intern for about six weeks. After completing her training, she'd like to return to Malawi as a medical missionary.

On each Sunday of Lent we collected offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing that brings relief to many around the world, as well as in the U.S. The offering was dedicated on Easter, April 4th.

On Saturday, March 27th, the Adult Fellowship held a bake sale to benefit selected projects, our current one being Empty Tomb, Inc. On the 28th, palms were distributed to remind us of Christ's entry into Jerusalem and into our lives. On April 1st, Maunday Thursday, Holy Communion was celebrated with the United Methodists. On April 2nd, we participated in the community Good Friday service at the United Methodist Church.

On Sunday, April 4th, the celebration of Resurrection Day began with a community sunrise service, followed by a fellowship breakfast. There was a free will donation, with all money above expenses, given to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We concluded our celebration with worship at 10:00 a.m. The entire Christian faith rests on Christ's victory over death and the grave. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors in Homer. — Jim Swathwood, CLP

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Homer Churches Cooperating represents the four churches in Homer: Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and the United Methodist fellowships. We practice a variety of styles and traditions but we are united in our desire to minister to the needs of the Homer community in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This article is intended to inform the Homer community of the services we offer. It is hoped that persons with genuine needs will feel free to contact any of the persons listed later. We certainly encourage every individual to regularly attend the church of their choice.

The Homer Churches Cooperating was established as a joint effort between all four churches of Homer to help families in the Homer area. We strive to help people to be self-sufficient and to improve the quality of their lives. We also assist transients who call upon us and we assist in community emergencies.

We are happy to be able to do this, with God's help, through our Food Pantry, contributions, prayers and spiritual guidance. Our most recent outreach was the Jesus Video Project where we sent a copy of the Jesus Video to everyone living in the 61849 zip code. This was a total saturation of 755 homes and we pray that if you have been able to watch the video and are contemplating accepting Jesus as your savior, that you will feel free to contact any of us to help you in this decision.

We also serve as the Chartering Organization of the Cub Scouts of Homer. Also, food supplies are available to those whose income helps them qualify. Pickup of food is on the second Friday of each month at 1.30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. HCC can also help refer individuals and families with various needs to agencies for:

- a) budget counseling
- b) family centered services
- c) medical services
- d) free transportation to and from medical centers
- e) information to qualify for financial aid

Please note, that the services provided are for those who qualify. Any member of the Homer Churches Cooperating Committee can help you fill out a confidential questionnaire to qualify you for available program and services.

JOINT CHURCH SERVICES

National Day of Prayer

—May 6th at the Presbyterian Church

Good Friday

—April 2nd at the United Methodist Church

Thanksgiving

—November 21st at Church of Christ
Community Service in the Park

—July 4th at the Homer Park
Community Songfest

—September 12th at the Homer Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT HCC OFFERS,
CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

David Burns 896-2332

Norma Diel 896-2737

Gene Ethridge 896-2286

Joan Lane 896-2717

Bill Mullins 896-2471

Dennis O'Riley 485-5194

J. L. Penfold 896-2551

Jackie Sturdyvin 896-2225

Jim Swathwood 896-2861

Betty Taylor 896-2844

The four fellowships representing Homer Churches Cooperating are:

United Methodist Church

301 S. Main

Phone: 896-2038

Pastor: J. L. Penfold

Worship: 10:15 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Corner of Wabash & S. East Street

Phone: 485-5194 (Tolono Office)

Pastor: Father Dennis O'Riley

Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ

500 E. Second

Phone: 896-2332,

Pastor: David Burns

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Church

201 N. Main

Phone: 896-2533

Lay Pastor: Jim Swathwood

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

The Homer Churches Cooperating can always use volunteers and of course contributions are always welcomed.

Homer Household

BY NORMA DIEL



MAKE-AHEAD VEGETABLE SALAD

5 cups broccoli florets
4 cups sliced cauliflower
1 medium green pepper, chopped
1 medium red onion, thinly sliced

DRESSING

1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup cider vinegar
1 tsp. ground mustard
1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper

In bowl combine broccoli, cauliflower and green pepper; place the onion rings on top. In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients. Pour over salad (do not stir). Cover and refrigerate for 12 hours or overnight. Toss just before serving.

CORN DOG BAKE

1 cup sliced celery	3/4 cup milk
1 tbsp. oleo	1 tsp. rubbed sage
3/4 cup chopped onions	1/8 tsp. pepper
8 hot dogs, sliced	1 8 1/2 oz. corn bread mix
1 egg	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a skillet, sautee celery, onion, and hot dogs in oleo for 5 minutes. In a large bowl, combine eggs, milk, sage, and hot dog mixture. Stir in corn bread mix. Add cheese. Mix and spread into a shallow 3 qt. baking dish. Extra cheese may be sprinkled over top, if desired. Bake uncovered in 400 degree oven for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

ORANGE COOKIES

4 1/2 cups sifted flour	3 eggs
1 tbsp. baking soda	1 cup shortening
2 cups sugar	1 cup buttermilk

juice and grated rind of 2 oranges (1 cup)

Combine flour and baking soda and set aside. Mix together shortening, sugar, and eggs and mix well. Stir in orange rind and juice. Add flour mixture and buttermilk, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls into lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

ORANGE FROSTING: 1 stick oleo, 1 box powdered sugar, juice of 1 orange. Cream frosting ingredients together until smooth. Frost cookies after they are completely cooled.

MARQUEE SIGN KEEPERS

If you have a message to post on the Homer Lions Club Marquee for events, please telephone the Lions Members listed below with the information. If the listed persons responsible for posting and removal of messages during the month shown are unavailable, please contact K.C. Jones, sign chairman, at 896-2763.

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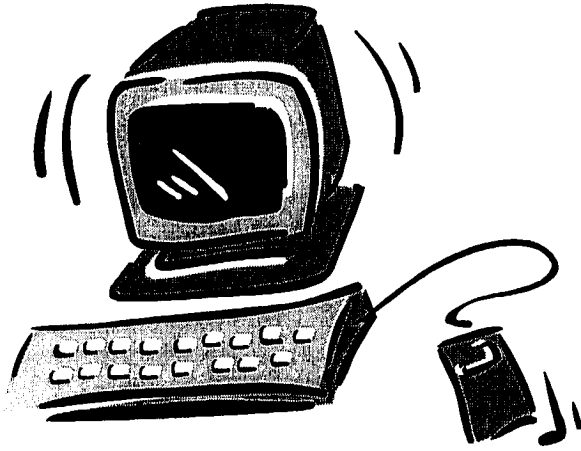
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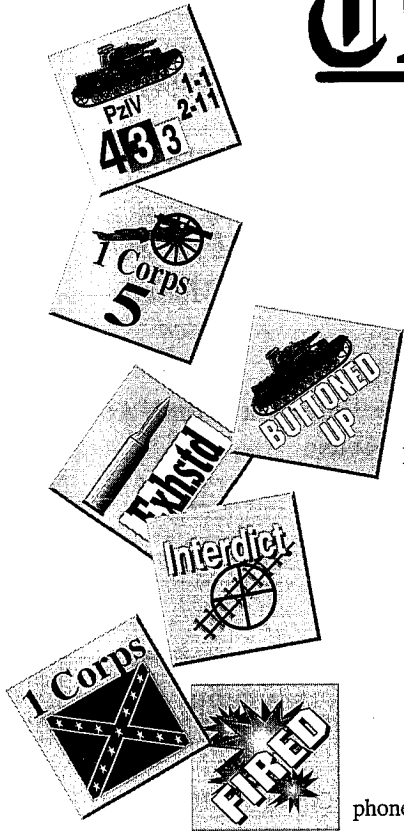
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