

# HOMER



# News & Views

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## LAB FUND DRIVE NEEDS DONATIONS

The Technology Fund Drive for Heritage High School is still going on. Any individual, organization, village, or church may donate money to this cause. \$60,000 is needed.

The money will be used to purchase 25 computers hooked up to the internet via a T1 line; printers, router, wiring, server, tables, software, staff training, 25 AMD K5133 Megahertz desktop systems with 512K burst cache, 16MB EDO ram, Diamond Stealth SVGA adapter with 2 MB memory, 15" SVGA monitor, 8x internal CD-ROM drive, sound card with 3D sound, 2.1 GB IDE hard drive, pair of 25 watt speakers, Win 95 Keyboard, MS serial mouse, 10 megabit PCI TP Ethernet NIC.

The computer lab, with internet access, will be available for community members to use at night at no charge. (There will be a charge for printing materials). Free classes on how to use the internet will be offered. Everyone who donates money will have their name inscribed on a permanent plaque in the computer lab. The more money given, the larger the letter size on the plaque. There will be six categories: \$2,400: full station sponsor, \$1,200: lab station cosponsor, \$600: lab partner, \$100: Gigabyte, \$50: Megabyte, \$10-\$49: Kilobyte. By dividing \$60,000 by 25 stations, one arrives at a figure of \$2,400. This is how we decided to ask for \$2,400 to be a full station sponsor.

State and Federal grants will be requested to supplement local fund raising. One grant for \$9,500 has already been obtained. It is hoped the lab will be operational by January of 1998. We will install blockers on each computer and students will be required to sign "acceptable use" forms to prevent access to objectionable material.

By installing a new lab at the high school, it does not mean that the Kindergarten through fourth grade students at Broadlands will be going to Homer. Only fourth grade students currently at Broadlands will be moved to Homer. This will be effective for the 1997-98 school year. If you would like to make a donation, please make a check out the "The Heritage Technology Fund Drive". Send it to Heritage School District, P.O. Box 260, Broadlands, IL 61816. ■

## 4TH CELEBRATION HUGE SUCCESS!

We were pleased to get such favorable comments about our July 4th "Day in the Park." However, we did not receive as much in donations as we had hoped. While waiting for the collectors to bring in all the buckets, a few people made an extra effort to add to the fund. Since then we have had one cash donation and one mailed-in check. If you did not have an opportunity to give to the fund and you enjoyed the fireworks, we will accept any and all offerings.

The Flag Pole Set raffled by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #290, was presented to Wayne Lutz of Homer. Chester Kizer, Homer American Legion Post's oldest member, drew the lucky ticket.

The three Heritage School groups should get special mention. The Cheerleaders looked awfully cold the few times we spoke to them. We want everyone to know that this group took our fliers to *every* house in Homer! The Rec Board appreciates their help very much. Bingo went well and the cotton candy was sold quickly. Tammy promises they will have more at Krazee Daze. The Homer Lions Club had an exceptional day, selling out of hot dogs, brats, and drinks. There were a few pork sandwiches left which were given to members of the Rec Board and other volunteers who were cleaning up after the fireworks.

The following were entrants in the Little Mr. & Miss Firecracker contest: Parker Kirby, Cody Lacey, Chloe Spencer, Jamie Dickson, Teri Sturdyvin, Zachary Stanfield, Katherine Ely and Benjamin Ely. Cloe Spencer and Zachary Stanfield were the winners.

Audra James received first place, Parker Kirby received second place and D.J. Robertson received third place in the 2- through 4-year old bike, trike and wagon decorating contest. Ethan Stanfield received first place, Logan Jeffers received second place and Tina Robertson received third place in the 5- through 8-year old category and Cori Strawser got first place, Sam Coddington got second place and Taylor & Rosanne Dodd got thirdplace for the 9- through 12-year old category. Ethan Stanfield received the

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best over-all prize. In the basketball shoot: 2-year old first place was Jonathan Taylor; second place was Ben Mullins and third place was D.J. Robertson. 4-year old first place was Ryan Robertson, second place was Shayne Matthis, third place was Audra James. 5- to 6-year old first place was Chase Bryan, second place was Bryan Rumer, third place was Darren Happ. 7-year old first place was Matthew Barnes, second place was Sean Gilpin. Special thanks to Mrs. Umstead for providing the 2- to 7-year olds with a small basketball hoop and ball. 10- to 14-year old winners were: Justin Matthis, Joel Martin, Stephanie Bent and Cori Strawser. Adult first place was Carl Rokos, second place was Don Rice and third place was Art. A word to the adults—next year the Rec board won't make the distance so long.

Creeper races: 4- to 6-year old first place was Ethan Stanfield, second place was Devin Webb, third place was Ryan Robertson. 7- to 9-year old first place was Rosanne Dodd, second place was Jan Humphrey, third place was Justin Matthis. 10-year old first place was Ryan Auterbery, second place was Shawn Robertson, third place was Joel Martin. 11- to 12-year old first place was Lance Kingston, second place was Dave Humphrey and third place was Taylor Dodd. 13- to 14-year old first place was Josh Reely, second place was Larry Bent and third place was J.D. Hubert. Adults first place was David Douglas, second place was Tiffany Matthis and third place was Devon Webb. Editors note: Devon would have won first place, however he and another contestant had a "run in." Sack races: 6-year old first place went to Sean Gilpin, second place to Jessica Miller and third place to Abramar. 8- to 9-year old first place was Shawna McDuffie, second place was Ben Krause, third place was Justin Matthis. 11-year old first place was Jay Miller, second place was Lisa Pruitt, third place was Corie Strawser. Adults: first place was Kevin Webb, second place was Caleb Orwick, third place was Matthew McClain. Three legged race first round first place was Mike and Dave Humphrey, second place was Kerit Caleb, third place was Stephanie and Tom. Second round first place was Shawn Joel, second place was Bruce and Heather, third place was Stian Cori. Third round first place was Joann and Lori, second place was Sandy and Nickie and third place was Nick and Nathan. Music trivia winners: Jeremy Mitchell, Given McDuffie, Mike Humphrey, Chris Jones, Dave Humphrey, Devin Webb, Mary Ellen Stites, Tom Cottle, Jerry Stanfield and Chuck Stites.

The American Legion raffled off a 17' flag pole with installation. The Heritage Junior High Cheerleaders raffled off a Rustic Wren Trellis and a Good Day Sunshine Afghan. If someone from those organizations will contact Kim Matthis at 896-2689, we will see that the winners names appear in next issue of News and Views. K. Layden won \$25.00 cash from Don's Electric, however he/she didn't write an address or phone number on the raffle ticket. Identification will be necessary to claim this prize. Please call Betty Lacey at 896-2365 to claim your money.

The list of 50/50 raffle winners follows:

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The Homer Recreation board would like to thank the following for helping with the 4th of July Celebration: The Today Paper, Betty Lacey, Ila Patel, Lynne Krause, Kate Vetter, Josh Lucas, Tim Kirby, Jeff & Kim Matthis, Charles Negengard, John Bowe of Art Floral, Ron Umbarger, Kelly & Bruce Vetter, Ron Izard, First National Bank of Homer, Teresa Wilson, Village Board members, Dave Lucas, Ron and

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Julie Humphrey, Don Happ, Sidney Dairy Bar, Heritage Booster Club, Post Prom, Heritage Cheerleaders, Mrs. Umstead, Katherine Emert, Central Illinois Bank, Boy Scout Troop #42 for cleaning the park after the 4th, Everette Walters for setting up our P.A. system, Charlie Wilson and Jim Swathwood for sitting at the 50/50 raffle table, Gary's Pizza, Driscoll Pharmacy, White's Ace Hardware for contributing prizes to the little Mr. & Miss Firecracker Contest and for displaying the jars. The American Legion for loaning us tables, performing the flag raising ceremony and providing fire truck rides to everyone, Nancy Stanley, Virginia Baird, Meredith Emert for judging the bicycle decorating contest, Judy Lacey & Bonnie Lacey-Taylor for running the music trivia contests, Hushtower for performing after the fireworks, Jim Little, Mike Underwood & Jeff Matthis for hanging the banners, Sarah Essig for singing while the flag raising ceremony was being performed, Stan Cato for getting the banners for us and KR Rockets for launching their rockets in the afternoon and all who brought the musictapes. If we missed your name, we apologize. We could not have had the celebration without your help and participation. We appreciate all of the residents who came to enjoy the events. If you have suggestions or ideas for next year's 4th Celebration, please contact Betty Lacey at 896-2365.

We will be busy planning the Krazee Daze Fall Festival to be held September 20th this year. Two new features include a contest for the Best/Worst/Kraziest dressed business person on the street and we will be giving a \$50 prize for the best float and for the best band entry. The merchants will have sidewalk sales and special food sales will be available. The Bungee Run and the Pedestal Joust from Interactive Adventures begin at 4:00 p.m. ■

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# HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION NEWS

by Pat Varvel

Home Extension members met in June at the home of Shirley Miller and made plans for their annual "Pie by the Slice" Sale at the 4th of July celebration.

The pie sale was a huge success and due to the large crowd, our booth was "sold out" by mid-afternoon. Thanks to all the ladies who made pies. Funds raised from the sale will go toward the purchase of permanent flower planters to be placed along Main street next year.

Also, on the 4th, members placed about sixty flags along Main street as part of our contribution to the celebration. We want to say many thanks to the Recreation board for a wonderful 4th of July celebration.

On Thursday, July 17th, we will travel to Walnut Point at Oakland for a picnic and day out. August is our vacation month, so there will be no meeting, but we will resume again in September with new officers and a program planning day at Homer Lake. We have also planned to have a bake sale at Krazy Daze as another fund raiser towards the planters.

We are always looking for new members, and invite anyone who is interested to contact our co-chairman, Mary Ann Rohl at 896-2270 or Virginia Baird at 896-2207, or any member. ■

## HOMER AMERICAN LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS

Sam Shreeves was installed as Commander of Homer American Legion Post #290 in a ceremony Thursday, June 5th. County Commander Mike Webb was installing officer.

Also installed were Senior Vice-Commander Kurt Beck, Junior Vice-Commander Dan Lance, Adjutant John Cato, Finance Officer Doug Driscoll, Chaplain Carl Goad and Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Campbell. Don Pfaab is outgoing Commander. Shreeves becomes ex-officio chairman of the Building Trustees, who are charged with the operation and maintenance of the post building and grounds.

In the business meeting which followed, it was voted to donate \$250 toward the construction of a basketball backboard in the Homer Village Park. This action followed a presentation by Joel Eagles, representing the group which is constructing the basketball facility.

The veterans group meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thurs-

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# JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP No. 359



Homer Girl Scouts Troop #359 has done a lot this year even though we had a short period.

Girl Scouts Troop #359 and Weiblo Den Pack #42 had a fund raising event at Homer Park on July 4th. In appreciation of this event, all participants will get a certificate, a ribbon and all female participants will get a \$10.00 credit voucher for some future long trip when planned. Female participants were Roopa Patel, Brandi Lutz, Chelsey Scott and Lacey Miller. Male participants were Benjamin Krause, Ben Miller, Bryan Moore, Matthew Knoop and Ryan Gibson. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the July 4th event.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Girl Scout activities, please contact Ila Patel at 896-2767. Volunteers need not have children in the troop. Any girls who are starting fourth grade this fall and who wish to join Junior Girl Scouts may telephone Scout leader Ila Patel. Have a great summer. ■

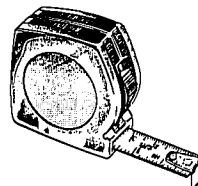
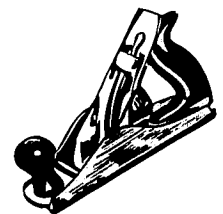
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## HOMER HOUSEHOLD

SUBMITTED BY NORMA DIEL

### Baked Spaghetti Casserole

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tbsp. margarine
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can mushrooms
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 pound ground beef, browned and drained
- 12 ounces spaghetti, cooked and drained
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted.
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet, sauté onion and green pepper in margarine. Add tomatoes, tomato soup, mushrooms, and oregano. Add ground beef. Simmer, uncovered for 10 minutes. Place half of the spaghetti in a greased 13" X 9" baking dish. Top with half of the vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with 1 cup cheddar cheese. Repeat layers. Mix the mushroom soup and water until smooth. Pour over the casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Serves 12.

### Cherry Salad

- 2 boxes Cherry Jello
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 can Cherry Pie Filling

Mix and set aside until firm. Mix one 8 oz. package cream cheese and one can crushed pineapple, drained. Spread over Jell-O mixture. Chill and serve.

### Heath Bar Cake

- 1 box Butter Brickle Cake Mix
- Prepare and bake as directed.

While cake is hot, poke holes in cake with handle of a wooden spoon. Spread 1 can Eagle Brand Milk over top and in holes. When cake is cool, spread 1 carton Kool Whip over top. Sprinkle about 4 crushed Heath Bars over top of cake. YUMMY.

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**Household Hint :** Tar tracked in from the street can be easily removed from tile or vinyl floors without using harsh chemicals. Just dab a little peanut butter on the spot and let it set for an hour. It'll wipe right up with a paper towel!

## SCOUTING FOR KNOWLEDGE WINNERS

The Prairielands Council has announced the winners of the Scouting For Knowledge 1996/1997 reading contest. Over 100 Cub Scouts in sixteen packs participated in reading nearly 4,500 books.

The Top Reader for Prairielands Council is third grader, Benjamin Krause of Pack 42, Homer, Illinois, reading over 400 books. Benjamin received a basketball signed by the University of Illinois basketball coach and assistant coaches.

The top three readers in third grade overall were Benjamin Krause (485 books) and Matthew Knoop (150 books) of Homer Pack 42 and Evan McTaggart of Pack 272. Way to go Homer Pack 42! This is quite an accomplishment for a small pack. ■

## WEBELOS DEN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We have been a busy den this summer. In June, our boys participated in a den swim through MacTay Aquatic Center. We worked on water safety skills and brushed up on swimming, floating and snorkeling skills. Most of the boys earned their Aquanaut Activity Badge.

Two Webelos Scouts, Bryan Moore and Benjamin Krause, participated in the Food and Family Scout Program. This was a four week program sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. The boys met weekly with Pastor Dennis Meyer to meet the requirements for the medal. Medals were awarded July 13th, during a special church service for the boys at the church.

In addition to celebrating the 4th of July, our den combined efforts with the third grade girl scout den to sell pop and popcorn at the celebration in the park.

In August, we will be turning our den energies toward working on our Forester and Naturalist Activity Badges. Plans are in the making to utilize services provided by the Salt Fork Nature Preserve.

Special thanks to Karen Taylor and Pastor Dennis Meyer for all their time and talents shared with us this summer. ■

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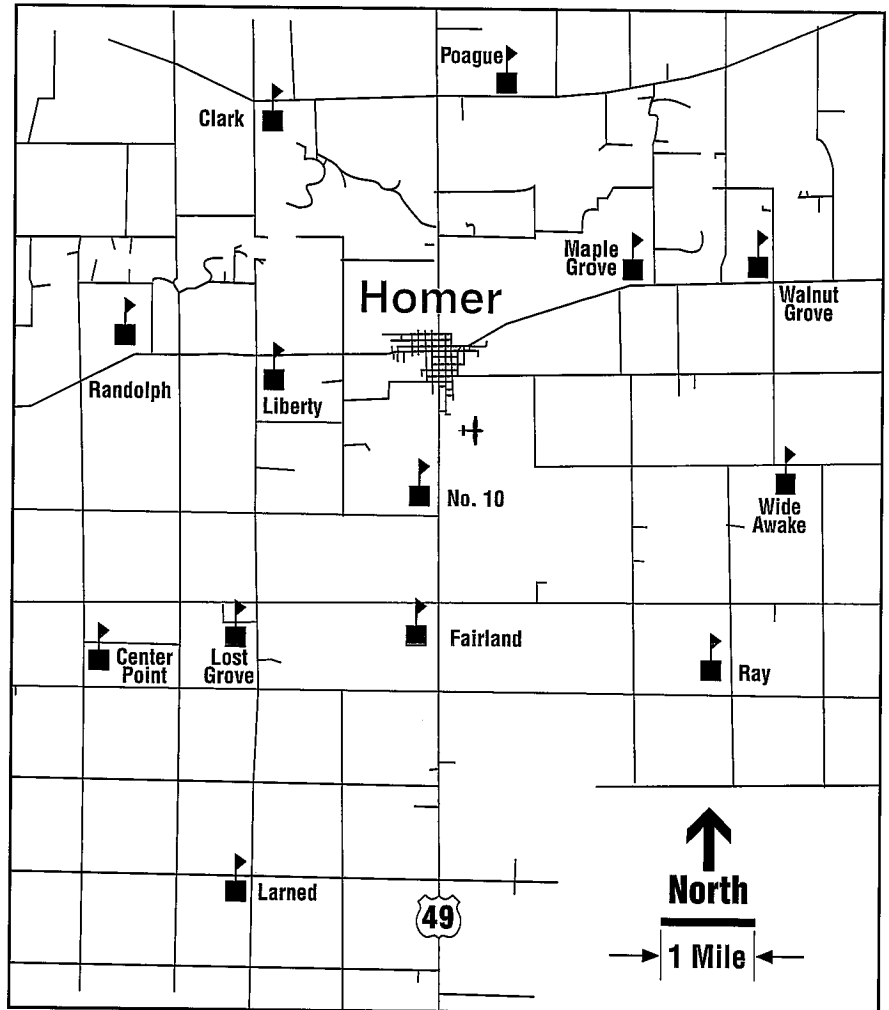
# FROM THE ARCHIVES

JACK RUSHING & SANDY GRIFFIN CONTINUE TO RESEARCH HOMER'S ONE ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLS

In the 1940's and early 1950's students attending one room country schools were gradually moved to Homer. As farm families became smaller and enrollment fell, it became increasingly less feasible financially to operate the one room schools. Maple Grove, with only two students, was the first to close and to send their students elsewhere. Number 10 School closed next. Successively, as each building closed, students were moved to the nearest operating school until finally, in 1951, Clark School was the last to go. By this time, all the area schools had consolidated.



TOP RIGHT: *Wide Awake School: Teacher Nell McFerren, Marjorie Krukewitt, Lenor MacCauley, William Schumburg, Ruby Schumburg, Hegel Hillary, Bob Allen, Majorie Baker, Majorie Fletcher, Faye Cee (or Orthline Robl), Herschel Hillary, Clyde Hillary, Leo Cee, Warren Cee, Max Krukewitt, and Jim White.* BOTTOM RIGHT: *Randolph School in 1920. Second from left is Martin Wienke, (top? or bottom?).* BOTTOM LEFT: *Poague School, 1927. Left to Right: Dona Strobl, Martha Tibetts Weiser, Arlie Bergfield, Helen Tibetts Krukewitt, Edith Smith Gordon, Alice Sadler Johnson, and Annabelle Smith Philips.* BELOW: *Walnut Grove School, 1938. That's Frank Carter astride "Royal King Billie." It's rumored Frank made the MovieTone News! That's an apple he's giving teacher Iris Gilkinson. The girls are Delores Swaney and Wilma Jean Swaney.*





# AUXILLARY SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Legion Auxiliary, Homer Unit #290, will be sponsoring a community blood drive at the Community Building on August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an easy, painless way to help someone! Even if you have never donated before, they will test you before drawing blood to see if you are eligible to donate. Please help us to make this our best blood drive ever—plan to donate!

Unit #290 also installed new officers for the 1997-1998 year. They are:

President - Chris Jones  
 First Vice President - Sherry DeMoss  
 Second vice President - Sandy Griffin  
 Treasurer - Susan Burton  
 Secretary - Lori Rushing  
 Chaplain - Lauri Umbarger  
 Histgorian - Claudetta Hartman  
 Sargent-at-Arms - Cathy Lance

The past presidents honored outgoing President Phyllis Webb at a supper at the Ribeye in Champaign. Eleven past presidents attended.

The Unit awards a \$250 scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to further his or her education. This year's winner was Amy Penfold.

Auxillary members assisted the Legion with the flag raising ceremony at the Village Park on the 4th of July.

Each year our Unit sponsors three girls to attend Illini Girls State which is held at Eastern Illinois University. This year's delegates were:

Stacey Reeley of Homer  
 Lori Frick of Longview  
 Diamond McGlade of Broadlands.

We are very pleased to have Ginger Rushing, one of our members, serving as a volunteer counselor at Illini Girls State.

If you are interested in finding out more about the American Legion Auxiliary, please feel free to attend one of our meetings (we meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Post) or contact any officer. We also have a Junior Unit which includes daughters, granddaughters, sisters, great-granddaughters and stepdaughters, grand and great, from birth to 18 years of age. These members are the future of the organization. ■

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# HOMER PEACE MEAL

Peace meal would like to thank everyone for their donations. We have exceeded our goal for 1997! Thanks again!

We are now having a monthly door prize drawing. Your name will be entered each day you come in for lunch. At the end of each month, we will draw the winners. So come in often for a better chance.

Norma Diel has donated a crocheted afghan to our Peace Meal site. In September, we will be raffling it off. Look us up to buy your lucky raffle ticket. Thank you Norma!

Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Try setting aside one day a week to come have lunch with us. All seniors are welcome! For reservations or a calendar, please call Sharon Jeffers at 896-2121 or 896-2668. ■



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# HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Three times a year, the library gives a book to each child in kindergarten through fourth grade at the Homer Grade School. This distribution is done through and funded partly by the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. Twenty-five fourth graders from the Broadlands school will be coming to Homer this fall, increasing the number of children who will be receiving books from RIF. We need your help in providing books for these children. If you would like to help by making a contribution, either as an individual or as a business, please contact us at the library for more information.

The library will be holding a used book sale during Krazy Daze to help raise funds for RIF. A wide variety of books will be available for a donation.

The Illinois State Library has announced an exciting new service for the visually impaired, called Newslines. Anyone who qualifies for the Talking Books program is eligible for Newslines, by which a person may dial a special number and hear newspapers read over the phone. For more information, contact the library.

We would like to welcome Sheri Burns to the library as assistant. Sheri is married to David, who is the pastor of the Homer Church of Christ, and is the mother of Jennifer, Jill, David, Karee and Seth. Sheri will be in the library on Wednesdays, and every other Saturday.

*Chris' Quick Pick: God Save the Queen* by Dorothy Cannell. The British-born mystery writer, now living in Peoria, is a very funny lady. Each participant at the recent Small Public Library Institute received a copy of her latest book. She has also written books with titles such as *How to Murder Your Mother-in-Law* and *How to Murder the Man of Your Dreams*. ■

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# HOMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEWSLETTER

Please remember, this is your newsletter. Its content and value depends 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. ■

# LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS TO HERITAGE GRADS

Two 1997 graduates of Heritage High School have received scholarships from the Homer Lions Club. Kelly Ricketts, who will be attending the University of Illinois, Chicago, and Craig Messman, who will attend the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus, each received \$500 from the Homer Lions. The awards, based on three criteria—need, scholarship, and citizenship—were presented by Lions Club President Maurice Wienke at the 1997 Heritage High School Commencement. The selection committee is composed entirely of members of the Heritage faculty who are newly appointed each year. Awardees receive \$250 at the beginning of the first semester and, providing they remain students in good standing, are given the remaining \$250 at the start of the second semester. Our congratulations to two very deserving students.

In other action, the Club gave \$100 for new basketball standards to be erected by the Boy Scouts in the Village Park. The funds were voted after an outstanding presentation by Scout Joel Eagles, who conceived the project as part of his requirements toward earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

If you have a message to post on the Homer Lions Club Marquee for August or September events, please telephone the Lions Members listed below with the information. No personal or mercantile notices may be posted and the Club does not accept paid postings. The Marquee, located in front of the Homer City Building, is a free service provided by the Homer Lions. It is intended for use by non-profit organizations who have announcements of public interest.

Lions sign keepers for the next two months are:

August, 1997:	A. Brown	D. Wolf
	896-2049	896-2253
September, 1997:	J. Ellis	J. Eagles
	896-2015	896-2019

LAST CHANCE FOR NEW LIONS CALENDAR SIGNUPS!

If you haven't signed-up for the Lions 1998 Community Birthday Calendar, now's the time. Homer area residents who have not previously subscribed to the Calendar have until August 15, 1997 to do so. Please telephone Calendar Chairman K.C. Jones at 896-2763 and he will make sure you're listed and that you will receive a Calendar when they're delivered in the late fall. We're making a special effort this year to add new families to the calendar, so please help us help Homer by saying YES! The cost is just \$6 for a family of two or more persons living under the same roof, \$1 extra for non-residents, and \$4 for a single-person household. If you've received a Calendar in past years, a Lions Club member should have called you by the time this issue of News & Views is published. If not, call K.C. Jones! ■

## BUSINESS PROFILE

# GARY'S NOW DAVE'S

One of Homer's downtown businesses has undergone a major change recently. Gary's Restaurant was founded by Gary Laughlin in 1980 and went through many changes over the years until it reached its present form. Gary has now sold it to David Reel, a five-year employee. David took over as owner at the beginning of July and closed the restaurant for a week while he did some repairs and redecorating. People who have been in since then have noticed the new flooring in the hallway entrance and the lighter decor in the front dining room. Many other changes have been made that are not noticeable to the public, but which improve operations. Dave reopened the restaurant on July 8th as Dave's Restaurant, and on July 16, the sign out front was changed to reflect the new name.

Watch for more improvements in the future, and the addition of a banquet room. Dave has designated the back and balcony dining rooms as Non-Smoking areas. New items on the menu include a 16 ounce (!) rib-eye, mozzarella cheese sticks, and shrimp cocktail. Served from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM, lunch specials include 8" pizza, pizza by the slice, and daily specials. Dave and his fine staff are ready to serve you from 10:30 AM to 10:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 AM to 11:00 PM Friday and Saturday, and 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Sunday. Dave's is closed on Monday.

David Reel is a 1996 graduate of First Baptist High School in Danville, and has attended Danville Area Community College. He also operated a home repair and remodeling business, Fine Line Construction, with a partner, Todd Spiering of Westville, while continuing to work at Gary's on Saturday nights making pizza. Dave is the son of Dan and Chris Reel of Homer. ■

Dave is excited to be back in Homer, and is looking forward to contributing to the community as a business owner and resident. Welcome Dave, and to Gary, Bert and Heidi Laughlin, we wish a wonderful retirement to their farm.



# REC BOARD PREFERS JURGENSMEYER BLDG.

The Recreation Board was alarmed to learn that there is a movement afoot to build a new community center. We believe a better decision would be to make use of the upstairs in the Jurgensmeyer Building. Learning it had been condemned, we tried without success to find out when and how. The Rec Board then hired Professor John Garner to inspect the building and to report on his findings. Though he made recommendations for fixing a problem with dry rot in the basement, Professor Garner was especially impressed with the condition of the Opera House. Renovation of parts of the upstairs was done by ESDA and is now used by the Boy Scouts. In 1978, when Parkland and the Arts council sponsored a six show program, there was some other work done. With a long term plan, a lot of work, grants, and money budgeted by the village, the building could be brought up to code. It can certainly be done for less money than it would take to erect a new building at the edge of town, becoming an asset to our downtown and a testament to our willingness to preserve a worthwhile part of Homer's history.

Professor Garner recommended that we have a "Historic Structures Report" done. The report would include a complete inspection of the building, the history of the building, how it has been used in it's lifetime, how it was built, and how it has changed. Preservation recommendations and projected uses would be other parts of the report. Once completed, the report would become the grounds for applying for any available grants. A lift to the second floor would be a priority to make it accessible for people who can not manage stairs. Meeting rooms, office space, and rest room facilities would need to be added too. We feel that using this building efficiently would be a practical and cost effective way to increase the community's public spaces.

It's estimated the report would cost \$6000. The Rec board has already budgeted some money and the Village Board has indicated it could add to this. The other money would have to come from residents. Although it's likely Homer will have a water project to pay for, both projects are long term and, by starting now, we could do both. Voluntary, tax deductible donations could be put into a special fund for the report and, later, for the actual renovation. Let us know what you think of the idea.

While we still need more new members on the Recreation Board, Lynne Krause, Kate Vetter, Josh Lucas, and Ila Patel have joined us. Ila has been named treasurer for the upcoming year. We feel representatives from a cross-section of residents are needed, especially a retired citizen, a middle aged man, a school-oriented person, and someone who can assume the job of Secretary. If no one comes forward, the board will not fall apart; we'll just work a little harder! ■

# NEWS FROM HOMER'S CHURCHES

## **PRESBYTERIAN POSSIBILITIES**

The Churches of Homer Cooperating enjoyed a day of worship, praise and fellowship on June 29th at the Homer Park. Participants from the four churches helped make it a great and joyous occasion. I hope you have noticed the two locations in town indicating the "working together" aspect of our congregations: one is the window display at Wakefield's Plumbing (thanks Jim) and the sign in right field at the ball park. Future plans call for periodic changes in the window display, a songfest September 7th at the park, and a unified Thanksgiving service in November. We also plan to sponsor a "religious" category in the Recreation Board's Christmas decorating contest. Get your star now and plan for a Christ-centered observance of the holiday.

Each Wednesday morning we have a Bible study in the church basement at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to be part of this group. From July 20th through 25th, our synod held its annual school at Hanover College in Indiana.

If you are not already active, take a greater part in your congregation's worship and work. It will strengthen your faith and the Christian witness here in Homer and beyond. Peace and blessings. ■ *Jim Swathwood*

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## **HOMER CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS**

The Spirit of God is alive and moving in a powerful way at the Homer Church of Christ. Our fellowship has experienced a lot of blessings from God recently.

Several of our men enjoyed another Promise Keepers convention at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

Our Planet Jesus Club continues to be a great outreach for the children in Homer. It is not too late to have your children join up, just call the church office for more information.

Our puppet ministry is off to a wonderful start as many puppet teams share the word of God with our children.

Our prayer warrior ministry is praying and fasting day by day for God to continue to work in our fellowship and to bring a great spiritual revival to our area.

OCTOBER 26, 1997 is the big day, when we will have our first worship service in the Lord's new facility. We will be having our last service in our old building at 9:00 a.m. that morning, then our first service in the new church at 10:30 a.m. At 2:00 p.m. that afternoon we will be having a special celebration and dedication service as well. The community is invited to join us for any or all of these activities throughout the day.

We are a non-denominational fellowship, using only the bible as our guide. We do not follow man made creeds, but follow God's Word only. We believe all scripture, from Genesis to Revelation is the inspired Word of God.

Our mission is to glorify God by reaching the unchurched, making responsible disciples and training them for a ministry in the body of Christ and to support our missionaries worldwide.

We have a special class for our guests or for those who just want to know more about our fellowship. In this class, we share our position as a church, our philosophy of ministry and our mission and vision God has given us as a church. Then we help those in the class understand the biblical plan of salvation. Those students who have accepted Christ as their savior then are led to understand their spiritual gifts and the personality through biblical teaching and profiles in a one on one and group setting. This helps each Christian to identify their God given calling and to be and do what God has called them to do.

If you are unsure of your standing with God or do not have a church home, please come by and visit the Homer Church of Christ. We have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30. We have a nursery at all services. For more information, please call our office at (217) 896-2332. ■

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## **HOMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**

*"Where Faith in God Makes a Difference"*

The Homer United Methodist Vacation Bible School Son Rise, a high flying adventure in faith, was held July 13th through July 18th, 1997. On July 25th we had an overnight campout at the Church.

On August 3rd worship was held outdoors surrounded by the beauty of Homer Lake. Worship services through the month of August will be at 9:00 a.m.

During months with five Sundays, beginning with August 31st, fifth Sunday worship services will be devoted to special music. This will include musical instruments, vocal solos, and other forms of music. On September 7th, the "songfest" will be held at Homer Village Park in the evening. Refreshments will be served following the singing.

Our choir will be resuming on September 7th with rehearsal on September 3rd. September will also see the resumption of our Youth Club!

We are planning a Disciple II Bible Study. This follows Disciple I which was a survey of the Bible. Disciple II is designed for 32 weeks and is a concentrated study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts.

Be sure to see the window display at Wakefield Plumbing. It features the ministries and activities of each of our Homer Churches. Our thanks to Jim Wakefield for providing this space.

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The house where we lived in south Danville was heated only by a Round Oak stove that had little windows of Mica and a big apron of chrome. It sat near a corner between the kitchen and a bedroom. The three feet of floor space behind the stove was the warmest place to be in early mornings. Auntie would put a cotton rug on the floor and we would dress there before school. In the evenings we would crack hickory nuts with a tiny ball pean hammer on a square elevator weight close to the stove. At night the fire would be allowed to burn down, then it was covered with ashes and all the dampers were closed except the one on the chimney which was left open a bit. In the morning we knew it was time to get up when we heard Auntie shake down the ashes, put coal and a handful of cobs in the stove,

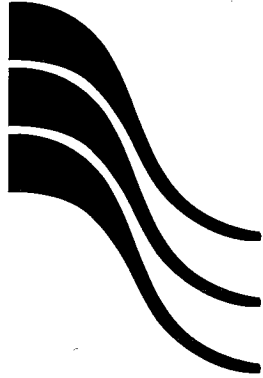
and open the dampers. In no time a blazing fire was going. You could stand facing the stove and warm your front, then turn around and warm your back.

Evenings were spent around the big round table in this room where the stove put out its precious heat. Someone gave us a little radio with an oval top. We listened to the Breakfast Club in the morning on the radio and the news at noon and six p.m. Uncle Francis was deaf, so the radio was by his place at the table. We always did our homework at this table and played games like Scrabble there. If we played dominoes or checkers however, we put the game on the seat of a dining room chair and moved closer to the stove.

The dining table always had a cloth on it. On special days such as Abe's or George's birthday, or Valentines Day there were special decorations on the table. It might just be a red heart at each place or a strip of crepe paper across the middle, but it was special. At noon the radio blared with the Star Spangled Banner. Our father was in the Army, so we always stood at attention and saluted the little flag on the plate rail above us.

We didn't realize how hard it was to put a meal on the table. Auntie always canned all the fruit and vegetables she could get, so we always had good healthy meals. A favorite for breakfast was the leftover popcorn from the night before, covered with the cream off the top of the bottle of milk that had been delivered to the front porch. ■

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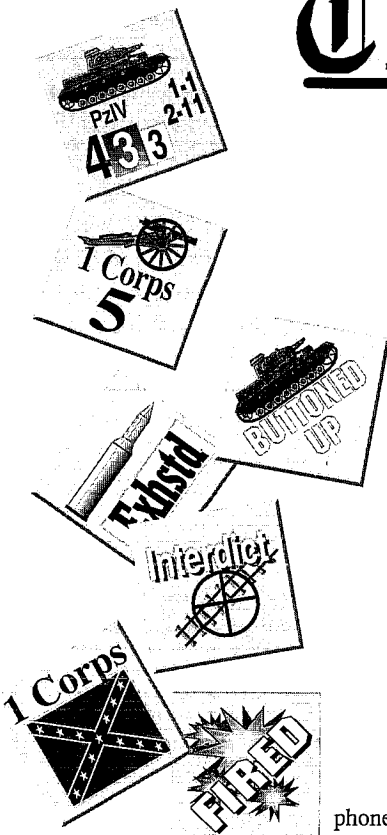
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