

# HOMER



# News & Views

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOMER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## *DON'T MISS HOUSE WALK DECEMBER 6*

It's just 10 short days until the first ever "Christmas at Home" celebration in Homer. Begin with a scrumptious breakfast at the Catholic Church 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. After breakfast, at 9:00 a.m., tour downtown. Each merchant will have something special, so be sure to stop in. Stroll along Main Street and be moved by the beautiful Live Nativity in Wakefield Plumbing's window. Listen and rejoice to the music. Along the street you'll also see live Christmas trees decorated by Heritage K-5 grade schoolers. Their hard work has produced outstanding results. Just north of Dave's Restaurant, you'll find the Old Tyme Toy Shoppe, aglow with candlelight and magnificent stained glass windows. Come in and meet Mrs. Santa and her Elves and see, or purchase, the wooden toys and dolls.

If old Scrooge shows up, he'll soon be chased away by the wonderful music provided by the strolling minstrels and carolers you'll meet along the street. Just north of Faye's Fashions will be a building full of crafters, with more in the City Building and in the basement of the old Church of Christ. Consider the Bloodmobile, parked nearby, for a truly wonderful gift for someone in dire need.

Get to the Cookie Walk in the City Building early. These cookies will be gone in a hurry! The Angel Tree will be just inside the door. See the Legion Auxiliary's news on page 4 for details. Next up, the Historical Museum, will feature displays and an old time Christmas tree. Pick up your tickets, brochures, and maps for the housewalk here.

Return to downtown and the west side of the street where four antique shops will be open for browsing and buying, followed by the Auction in the evening. Say hello to the cobbler in his shop and don't forget the Pie and Pastry shop in the Fish Insurance building. Sit a spell with a sweet treat and a cup of coffee before beginning the housewalk.

The housewalk begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Each home is special in its own way, so take your time and enjoy! A special 4-page center section in this newsletter describes the homes and a map locates the day's events.

The Homemaker Extension's proceeds will be applied to the purchase of new planters for Main Street and the Historical Society's will be used to support the Museum. ■

## *HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS*

The first distribution of books from the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program is complete. Every child in the Homer school in grades K-4 received a free book. This distribution will be repeated twice during the school year.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to help underwrite the cost of the RIF program. Those who bought books at our sale on Krazee Daze or had their picture taken with the Statue of Liberty contributed to RIF for our local children. Thanks go also to the Homer American Legion Auxiliary for their gracious donation.

Christmas will soon be here. We have a wealth of Christmas books—Christmas stories for all ages, and books with craft, decoration and recipe ideas for both children and adults.

Just as children make their Christmas lists, we also have a wish list. When you do your holiday shopping, remember the library. Every gift we receive helps us to serve the people of Homer better.

### Our Wish List:

- underwrite the cost of one of our magazines for a year
- office supplies—tape, copy or inkjet paper, Liquid Paper, envelopes, stamps
- additional funding for Reading is Fundamental
- buy a library card for a loved one who lives outside of any library district
- new encyclopedias—either print or on CD-ROM
- contribute to our book budget
- volunteer your time in the library

• Lastly, we are looking for that one very special person who is willing to coordinate our Friends of the Library group. This person will develop projects and coordinate the implementation of them. The Friends are already recruited.

We do accept and appreciate donations of books, but we reserve the right to decide what to do with them.

We are open Mondays: 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays we are closed. Our phone number is 896-2121, and we are located in the village hall. For your convenience, a book drop is located in the front wall of the building. ■

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# CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

*Sponsored by Homer American Legion Auxiliary*

CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT, SO—

It's time once again to begin preparations for the Heritage Area Christmas Angel Tree. Here are the ways you can "be an angel" by helping to make this Christmas extra special for a needy child:

1. Choose an angel from one of our trees, purchase a gift, return it unwrapped to a Heritage School office or Don's Automotive in Homer.

2. Choose an angel from one of our trees, send the tag along with a cash donation of \$15 to \$20 to Deb Happ, c/o Angel Tree, 202 N. Main Street, Homer, IL 61849, and our committee will purchase your angel's gift for you.

3. Send a cash donation in any amount to Deb Happ, c/o Angel Tree, 202 N. Main Street, Homer, IL 61849. This money will be pooled with other donations to purchase items needed for angels (gifts, school supplies, gloves, etc.).

**PLEASE REMEMBER**—\$20 limit on spending per gift and submit gifts unwrapped.

**TREE SITES:** Allerton Post Office, Broadlands Post Office, Don's Automotive, White's Hardware after Thanksgiving.

THANKS FOR YOUR CARING AND CONCERN . . .  
WE ALL BENEFIT FROM HELPING THOSE IN NEED!

*For additional information about Angel Trees, please refer to the Legion Auxiliary News column on page 4. ■*

## REC BOARD NEWS

The Homer Rec Board has been enjoying less stress than experienced through the summer. The Haunted House at the Homer school was well attended and the coordinator from the Rec Board was Lynne Krause. The cheerleaders, the FHA, and their sponsors are to be commended.

Plans for Santa coming to town have been made. The Housewalk was too early, so Santa will arrive at the Village Hall in Homer at 10 a.m. on December 20th. We will have the elf do Polaroid pictures with Santa again and there will be treats from the Rec Board and Mrs. Santa. Bring the kids!

The annual house decorating contest will be much the same as last year. Once again we will ask that stars be displayed. Prizes for the best use of stars in a display, a themed display, and conventional decorating will be categories again this year. The Homer Churches Cooperating will sponsor a new religious category. Judging will be done on Saturday night, December 20th at 8:30 p.m. Watch the local papers for further news. ■

## MAYOR'S COLUMN

Several weeks ago, the town was filled with the fragrant aroma of burning leaves. This caused disturbances in some peoples' homes, especially those with asthma and allergies. As a result, leaf burning was on the agenda for the next Village Board meeting. Going into the meeting, I was reluctant to ban leaf burning—but felt some restrictions were in order. I wanted Homer residents to be able to exercise their freedom to burn or not as they chose. However, the arguments at the meeting were quite compelling. The smoke from burning leaves penetrates homes and makes breathing difficult. When the exercise of the rights of one person infringes on the rights of another to be safe and secure in their own home, a change is needed. The Village Board voted 6-0 to adopt a resolution to ban leaf burning. The ordinance hasn't been drafted yet, but it seems clear that once enacted, there will be no more leaf burning in Homer.

We currently have an ordinance that prohibits the burning of garbage, but allows the burning of paper and demolition debris. I believe this will be changed to a total ban on all burning with the exception of grills, wood burning stoves, and recreational fires.

The Village, private vendors, and the new recycling agent are doing a great job of material pick-up and removal. We have recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic; There's also good curbside garbage pickup by private haulers. In the spring and fall, the Village provides brush pickup and dumpsters for cleanup in May. The fall pickup may change from October to November to accommodate leaf pickup and the building of a compost area east of town on Village property. It seems certain that the Village will not burn, or allow burning, at this site in the future. With all of these provisions, burning shouldn't be necessary.

It is our belief that this action will improve the quality of life in Homer. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how to implement this resolution, or how to write the ordinance, please feel free to attend the next Village Board meeting on November 17th and share your ideas.

Also, the board changed water rates to permanent summer rates. This is necessary to finance upcoming water projects. We have submitted our grant proposal for \$400,000 to help with the cost and should hear from the State by mid-January. Cross your fingers and call a State Legislator. The balance of the cost will be provided by 3% Illinois EPA loans. This will help us keep the cost down. ■ *David Lucas*

## SCHOOL CONCERTS

The Junior High/High School Christmas Concert will be December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Broadlands.

The Elementary Christmas concert will be December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Homer if the construction on the bleachers has not begun. ■

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

*Submitted by Lori Rusbing*

Homer Legion Auxiliary, Unit #290 met at the Post Home on October 13, 1997 for the regular monthly meeting. Nine members reported volunteering 65 hours for the month. One member donated blood. The Unit will be sponsoring the Community Blood Drive on December 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Homer Community Building. The Community Blood Services blood mobile will be used again. This is also the day the Homer Home Extension will be sponsoring the Christmas Housewalk and Bazaar at the city building.

The Unit will sponsor the Angel Tree for the Heritage Schools area this year. We will have trees set up at various businesses plus one in the city building on December 6th. Information and applications for this event will be sent home with Heritage students soon. The childrens' ages and gift wishes will be placed on cards on the various trees. Individuals select a card and then purchase the gift requested by the child. The donated gifts will be delivered on December 19th—in time for these children to be able to have a joyous holiday. Members will be contacting various businesses for donations. Please give generously to this very meaningful program. All members are encouraged to help with Angel Tree activities that are scheduled for the following dates: November 23rd at 1:00 p.m.—make the tags for the trees; November 28th or 29th—set up the trees; December 16th or 17th—go shopping for items not donated; December 18th—sort the gifts; and December 19th—deliver the gifts.

The Auxiliary distributed "Safe Halloween" brochures for kindergarten through third grade students in both the Homer and Broadlands school building.

Our Junior Unit, which consists of daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters of veterans and who are under the age of 18 years, will begin meeting once a month, beginning in January, to make tray favors for the Danville VA Hospital. Sharon Walters and Deb Happ will be working with these girls. If you know of any girl who is eligible and interested in becoming a Junior member, please contact any Auxiliary member.

The Unit has received this year's Auxiliary scholarship information. Sandy will ask the high school counselor to distribute it to the students.

We have increased our donation to the Auxiliary 6-point program. We also voted to make donations to the Fisher House, The Spinoza Bear Program, the Heritage High School Youth and Government Program, and a newly formed Daisy Girl Scout group.

The recently formed Sons of the American Legion have

asked our unit and we have agreed to donate homemade cookies for them to take to Danville VA Hospital when they go to visit in November.

Our Unit will be hosting an American Legion Auxiliary Leadership Course in November. This is a course that describes in depth the Auxiliary programs. If you are interested in learning more about the Auxiliary, this is the course for you. It will be held on a Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The date is tentatively set for November 22nd.

We sent out our first Unit newsletter to all members. We hope that you will find this interesting. We intend to send the Newsletter out four times per year in hopes that this will help to keep our membership informed and hopefully they will start attending the monthly meetings. Our Unit meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, except for July, at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Post.

Chris Jones, our President, started something new this month. She will be giving away a door prize at each meeting and YES, you must be present to win!

We will be hosting the Champaign County Council meeting on November 5th at the Post Home. The Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to share and a white elephant gift for the Ways and Means raffle.

Cathy Lance reported on Krazee Daze. The Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members sponsored a food tent. The profit was divided between the groups. The Auxiliary voted to donate their proceeds to the Homer Community Library for the RIF program. We will be presenting the check to the librarian at our November meeting. ■

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## HOMER PEACE MEAL

The seniors have been working very hard on making Christmas ornaments. We will be selling these ornaments, noodles and raffle tickets during the Christmas Housewalk on December 6th. It is time for the annual Peace Meal "Food for the Holidays" raffle. They will be giving away five baskets of food (each valued at \$100.00) and one basket of six Beanie Babies. So stop by and see us that day to buy that special ornament and get your raffle ticket.

Once again we would like to invite all seniors to come have lunch with us. We are open Monday through Friday. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. We also deliver meals to those who cannot get out. If you know of anyone in need, please call. We will be having our Christmas party this month, so keep an eye out for further information. Please call Sharon Jeffers for information or reservations; 896-2121 or 896-2668. Reservations need to be made by noon the previous day. ■

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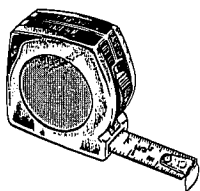
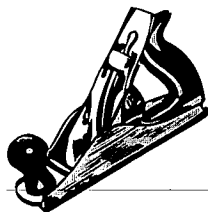
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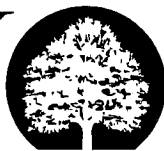
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Tech Prep is looking for business leaders in our surrounding area to become involved in our Education to Careers program. The Committee also wants business leaders who are willing to become partners with Heritage in our effort to prepare students for life beyond high school. We are looking for speakers to talk to our students about their career and work experience. We are looking for workplaces where students can visit for several hours to learn about a profession and we are looking for work sites where upperclassmen can gain work experience for a semester.

Please call the Heritage High School at 834-3392 for more information. ■

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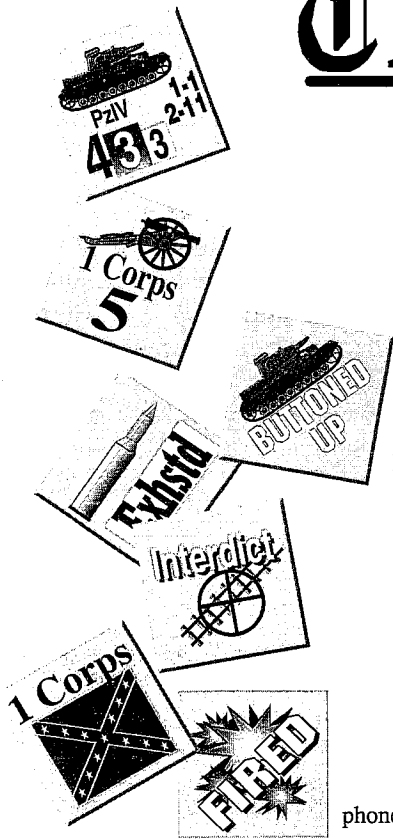
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## LIONS ADD \$1800 To COMPUTER FUND

At their meeting on October 27th, the Homer Lions Club was told that the Heritage Schools computer fund drive was still short of their goal by about \$20,000. The Club subsequently voted to give an additional \$1800.00 to the drive. Coupled with the \$600.00 previously donated, the Homer Lions have now provided enough funds for the acquisition of one full work-station.

In other business, the Club scheduled Saturday, December 13th for its' annual Christmas fruit basket delivery. If you know of someone who is alone or in need—someone who could use a gift of fresh fruit for the holidays—please give that person's name to Lion Secretary Stan Smith by calling him at 896-2179. Although we will be using, as we have in the past, lists compiled by Homer's churches and by Lions members, there is always the chance the person you are thinking of could be missed. So please phone.

If you have a message to post on the Homer Lions Club Marquee for December or January 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:

December, 1997:	D. Hodgson	K. Krukewitt
	896-2344	896-2064
January, 1998:	K. Jones	M. Baird
	896-2323	896-2197

If you can't reach these Lions, try calling Marquee Chairman K.C. Jones at 896-2763. ■

## ZONING MEMBERS

The following Homer citizens are currently serving on the Village Zoning Board:

- Barb Gilhaus, *President*
- Chuck Benner, *Secretary*
- Stu Brown, *Board Member*
- Ginny Dillon, *Board Member*
- Elizabeth Rexrode, *Board Member*

If you would like to join the zoning board, please contact one of the above board members. ■

# "CHRISTMAS AT HOME" HOUSEWALK

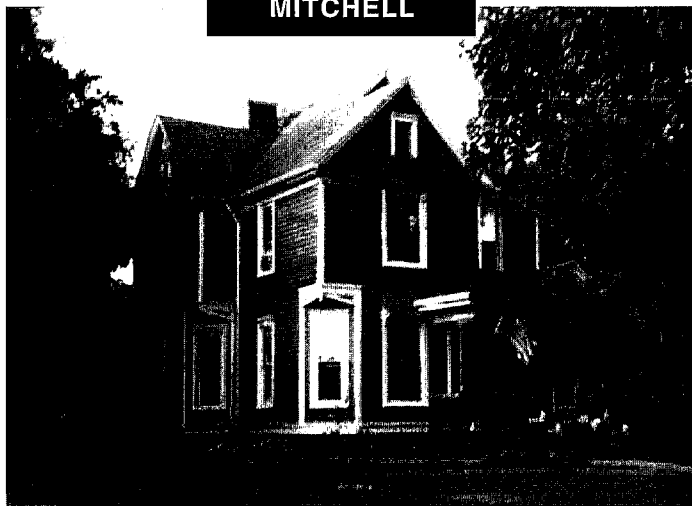
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**Saturday, December 6, 1997**  
**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**\$5.00 donation**

*Tickets are available in advance from local merchants and from Homemakers Extension and Historical Society members. (Tickets and maps may be purchased at the homes or from the Historical Museum on December 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.)*

Housewalk homes are identified by CANDY CANES.

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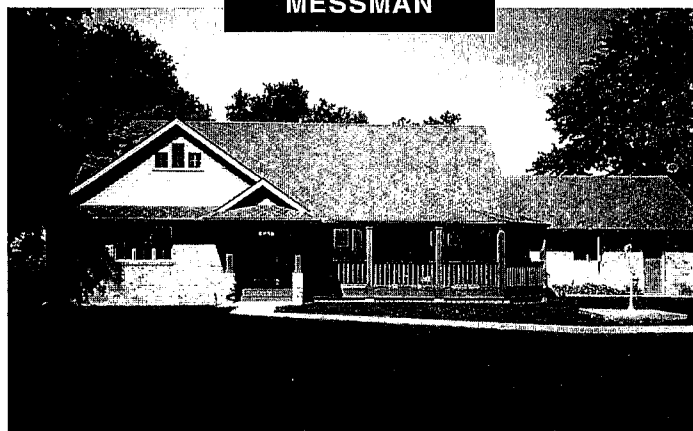


## *The Mitchell Home*

The lovely home of Wayne and Linda Mitchell and daughters Melissa and Megan is located at 306 W. Third Street. The house, believed to have been built around 1901, features gingerbread above some of the inside doors, large pocket doors, folding wood doors, frosted windows and very intricate brass hardware. A balcony referred to as "Granny's Room," from which "Granny" could hear what was said in any spot in the house, helps make the design of the house interesting and very unique. An area that was perhaps the servants quarters at one time has become a large, luxurious bath.

The Mitchells purchased the house in 1977 and have lovingly restored and remodeled the home to its original elegance, doing most of the work themselves. They have furnished it with outstanding antique furniture. Antique lovers will appreciate the grandeur of their collection.

MESSMAN



## *Jerry & Connie Messman's Country Home*

This beautifully decorated eight-room home is situated on the Messman family farm three miles south on Rt. 49, and 1/4 mile east on 700 N.

It was built near the site of Jerry and Connie's 29 year home where they raised their family, and where Jerry's parents had lived before them. Many memories accompanied the old house even after it was moved to another farm 4 miles away.

Jerry and Connie's 4-year old brick home features a sunroom, fireplace, den and beautifully crafted oak kitchen cabinets. The oak trim is used throughout the house. A unique feature of the home is it's GEO Thermal heating system, providing even heating and cooling all year long.

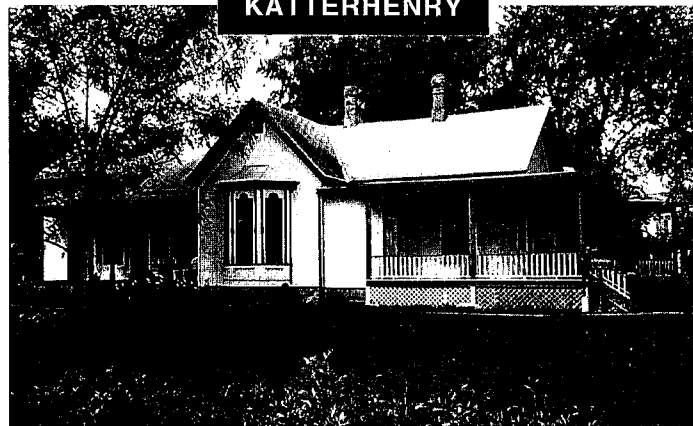
Country decor fans will love Connie's "country" touch throughout the house. Don't miss this "built to perfection" home.

## *The Katterhenry Home*

Dale and Julie Katterhenry are the proud owners of the home at 203 West South Street which formerly was the old Charles D. Babb home, an early banker in the Homer community. According to information given to the Katterhenrys, the original part of the structure is pre-1850 and has a two story addition on the south which

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KATTERHENRY



was brought in on a sled from the Old Homer Salt Fork site. It is now used as a kitchen and laundry room. During the Babb's occupancy, the upper story was occupied by their servants.

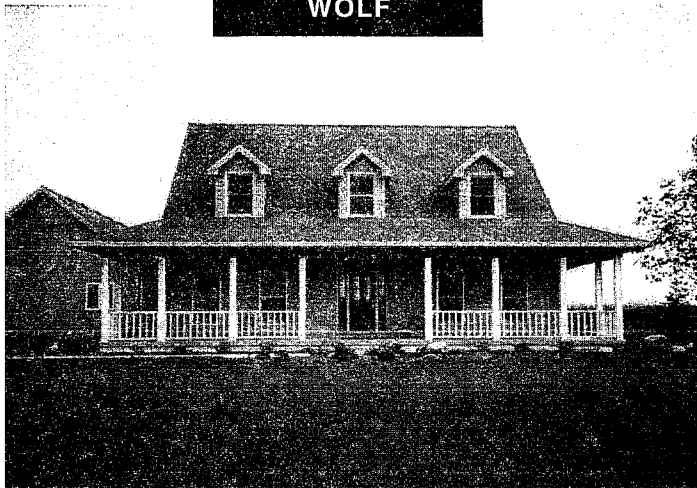
The Katterhenrys are fortunate to have in their possession a Babb photo album that was given to them by a neighbor. The album allows them to look back in time and view their home and the Babb family as they lived back then.

In refurbishing their home, the Katterhenrys have given special attention to preserving the early characteristics of the eight rooms and the exterior. They have enhanced the early atmosphere of their home by furnishing the rooms with family heirlooms and a collection of early furniture.

Some of the special features of their home are a wrap around porch, a coal fireplace, gingerbread above inside doors, sliding pocket doors and a built in china cabinet.

The Katterhenrys will be opening the first floor for your viewing pleasure

## WOLF



### *The Wolf's Country Home*

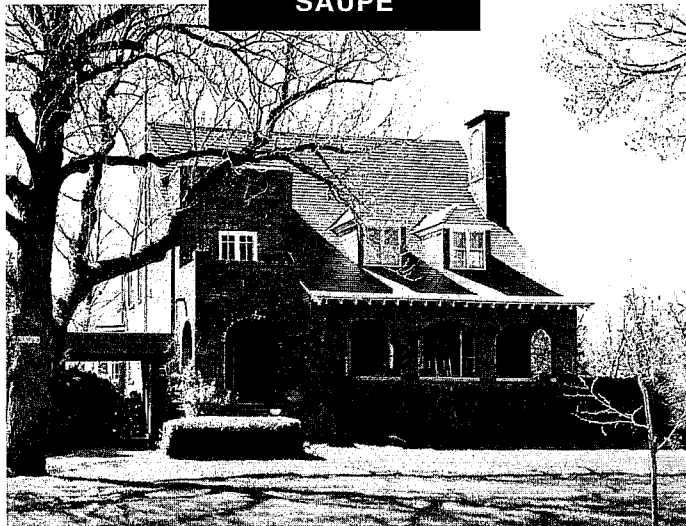
Terry and Jan Wolf are the owners of a beautiful two-story farmhouse on what used to be the Michener property. They live just east of Homer on the Homer-Fairmount road. The Wolfs designed their barrier free home with the help of Jan's brother Steve Edwards. Mr. Edwards is an architect and graduate from the University of Illinois. The home was built in 1996 by Duane Piercy from Villa Grove.

This spacious 10 room farmhouse has an open staircase and a cathedral ceiling in the foyer. Their home also has a screened in outdoor porch, as well as an outdoor courtyard. The Wolfs have chosen a mixture of woods, baskets, and pottery to compliment the warm, inviting atmosphere they have created in their home. The downstairs fireplace provides a warm addition to the home as well. Jan helped design her spacious kitchen and has chosen Amish made oak cabinets to enhance the country kitchen look.

The Wolfs completed most of the finishing work themselves and are very proud of the home they have created for themselves.

Fresh greenery by Pat Ridinger and Rose Franzen from the Poeschl's Tree Farm will be used to decorate throughout the Wolf's lovely home.

## SAUPE



### *Don Saupe & Mary Anderson*

This rambling brick eleven-room home at 204 S. Ellen Street features large porches, a tower room, a green house, a sunroom, fireplaces, and a portico.

Built in 1920 by Lucy Brown, a long time Homer High School math teacher, this home was designed by an architect to house a school for would-be teachers who were studying to become accredited. Although the teachers stayed in homes across the street to the east, they spent their days in the Brown home. Meals were prepared in the six room basement and sent to the upstairs by dumbwaiter. A Delco plant behind the home provided electricity and two large cisterns, which can be seen under the back porch, provided water. This wealthy family also owned several race horses. When the Saupe's purchased the home in 1956, it was still in a farm setting with a working greenhouse, chicken yard and a large barn with pasture behind the house. Although the rooms upstairs of the house had been designed by the Brown's, they never completed or finished those rooms.

The Saupe's have kept the house in it's original condition, finishing the upstairs rooms, and furnishing the home with many beautiful family heirlooms and collections.

Mr. Saupe is a retired University of Illinois professor of ornamental horticulture. The gardens around the home have been enjoyed by our community for many years.

### *Tom & Sue Smith's Farm House*

The Smith's country home was built about 1901 by William E. Yount, Tom's great grandfather and a life long Homer area resident. It replaced an older house which was torn down at the same location.

The house is on part of a farm that was homesteaded by the Yount family beginning in 1828. William Yount and his wife Florence took in boarders at one time. Their daughter, Pauline Yount Smith, was born in the house on August 3, 1902.

During Pauline's time, there was a beautiful leaded stained glass window in a parlor on the north side of the house. The Smiths moved the window into the dining room on the east side of the

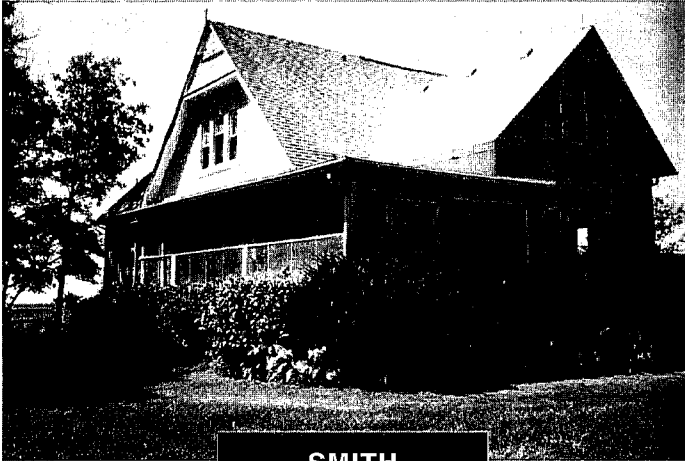


house where it catches the sun. The house also features frosted glass in the inside doors.

There were originally two porches; one on the southeast corner and the other on the northeast corner. The latter one remains as part of this country home.

The house was built with six rooms downstairs and four upstairs. About 1928, one of the downstairs bedroom walls was removed to enlarge the living room. Originally, there were three chimneys, but none remain today. The upstairs was remodeled in 1992 and the house was lengthened to the south. The downstairs was remodeled in 1996.

Tom and Sue especially take pride in the new kitchen cabinets which were cut from walnut trees grown on the family farm.



SMITH

### *The Wright's*

Kevin and Kristie Wright's home, at 205 W. South Street, was originally built by the Current family, who operated a grain elevator in Homer. In the 1920's, Logan and Geraldine Hedrick purchased the home and operated it as a boarding house.

In 1944, W. H. Taylor purchased the house for his daughter Effie Taylor Parker and she operated it as *The Christian Nursing Home* for many years. Mrs. Parker wrote poetry and articles about her many Christian experiences. These were published and sold to the public.

Kevin and Kristie bought the house in December, 1979 and have spent many hours refurbishing their home inside and out. You will be delighted with the results of their work.

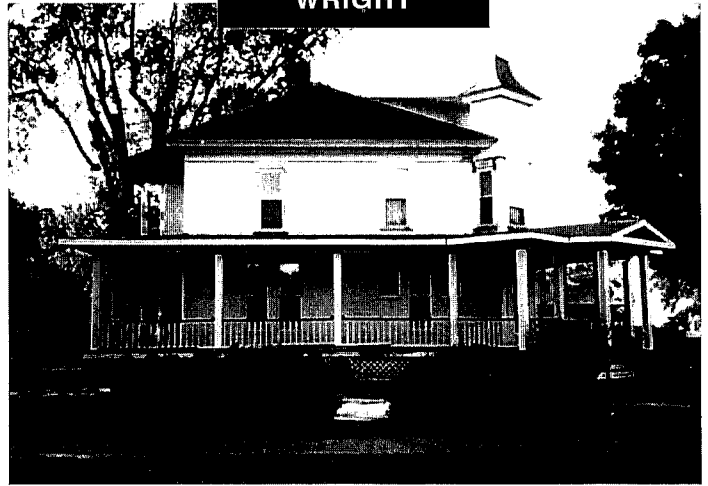
Outside the back door, near the deck, is a mammoth tree. A picture from 1881 shows it as a small tree.

The house has four rooms upstairs and four downstairs with large entryway. The downstairs has a beautiful open stairway, hardwood floors and the original tile fireplace. This home has gingerbread above the doors and along the stairway. The Wrights have furnished their home with furniture to compliment the house and are proud of their old pump organ.

Kevin's hobbies include collecting mementos from the Civil War and Kristie has a collection of miniature houses and pictures.

The Wrights will be opening the first floor of their home to the public and will have four Christmas trees available for your enjoyment, including, one upside down Christmas tree.

WRIGHT



### *Courtesy Nursery for Housewalkers*

The Homer Girl Scout Troop will be on duty, along with parents to offer a nursery for small children. The nursery will be in the City Building Girl Scout Rooms. Donations appreciated.

### *Meals and Refreshments*

**BREAKFAST:** The St. Charles Borromeo Church, located at the corner of Wabash and East Streets, will be serving a light breakfast of rolls, breads, muffins, etc.—8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**LUNCH:** The Church of Christ will be serving a lunch of soup & sandwiches at their new church, east on the Homer-Fairmount road, beginning at 11:00 a.m. They will also provide tours of their new building during this time.

### *Other Activities*

**The Homer Historical Society Museum** at 105 N. Main will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Pie & Pastry Shop** is open from 9:00 a.m. with Coffee & Pie available—Fish Insurance Building

**Live Nativity** presented by the Homer Churches Cooperating—Wakefield Plumbing

**Strolling Minstrels and Carolers**

**Old Tyme Toy Shop**—old barber shop building

**Crafter Booths**—City Building

**Cookie Walk** beginning at 9:00 a.m. sponsored by the Heritage Booster Club—City Building

**Angel Tree** sponsored by Legion Auxiliary—City Building

**Renaissance Studio** will show jewelry, paintings, prints, cards, weaving, and basketry—502 W. Fourth Street

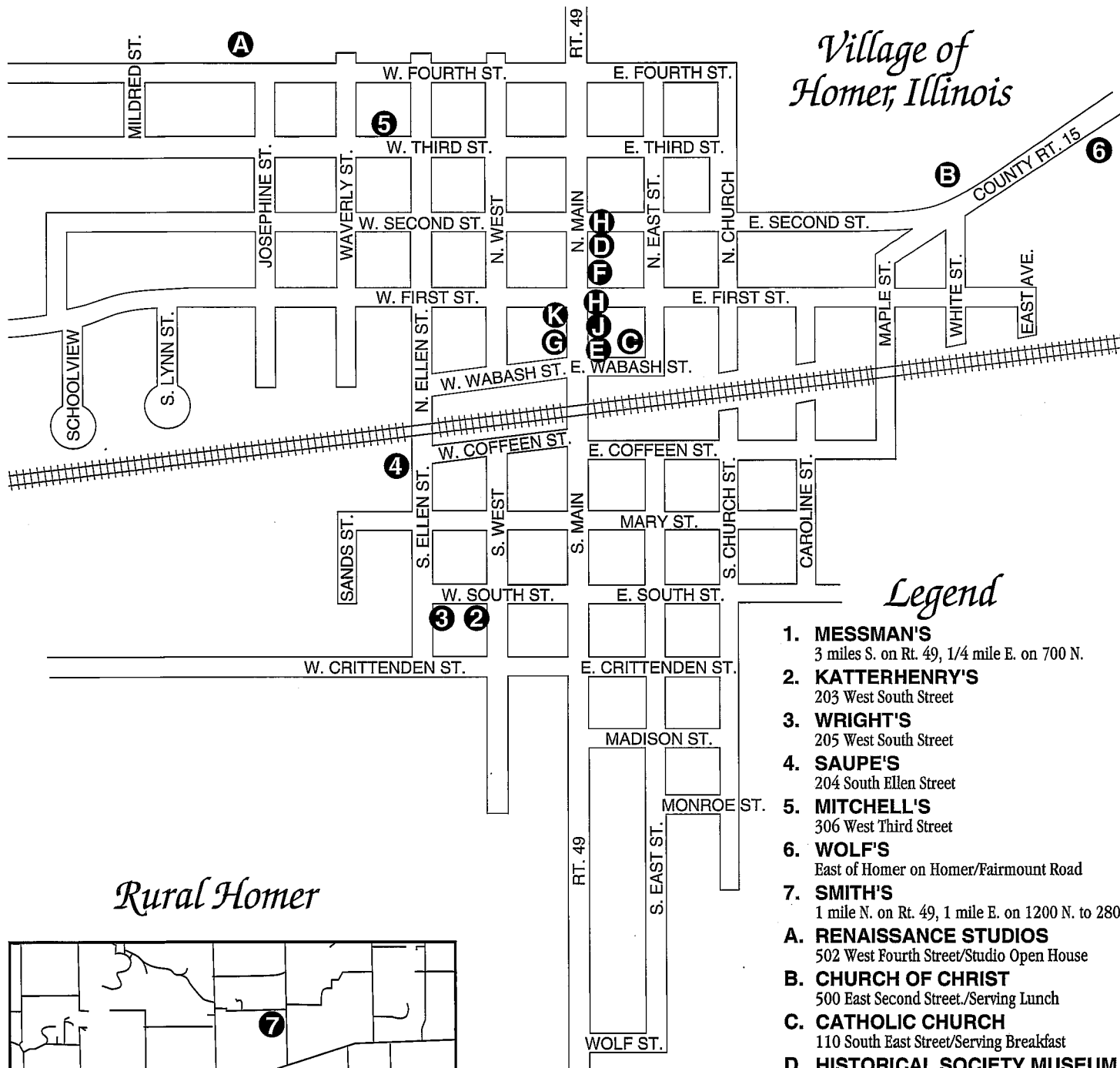
**Homer Merchants** will be open and sponsor promotions

We wish to thank the following persons/businesses for their assistance in making this event a success by offering their services and for supplying decorations and designs in some of the featured homes: K.C. Jones/Renaissance Studios, Scents of Thyme, Wilson Farms Homer Boy Scout Troop, Poeschl's Tree Farm and Subway, Glenn Park Drive, Champaign.

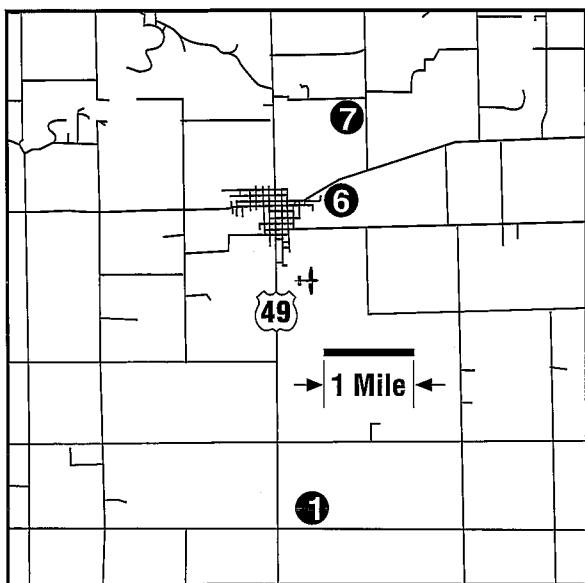
**The Home Extension and the Historical Society especially thank our gracious hosts for opening their homes—thereby making the "Christmas at Home" housewalk possible for the Homer community.**

# "CHRISTMAS AT HOME" HOUSEWALK MAP

*Village of  
Homer, Illinois*



*Rural Homer*



## *Legend*

1. **MESSMAN'S**  
3 miles S. on Rt. 49, 1/4 mile E. on 700 N.
  2. **KATTERHENRY'S**  
203 West South Street
  3. **WRIGHT'S**  
205 West South Street
  4. **SAUPE'S**  
204 South Ellen Street
  5. **MITCHELL'S**  
306 West Third Street
  6. **WOLF'S**  
East of Homer on Homer/Fairmount Road
  7. **SMITH'S**  
1 mile N. on Rt. 49, 1 mile E. on 1200 N. to 2800 E.
- A. **RENAISSANCE STUDIOS**  
502 West Fourth Street/Studio Open House
  - B. **CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
500 East Second Street./Serving Lunch
  - C. **CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
110 South East Street/Serving Breakfast
  - D. **HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**  
105 North Main Street
  - E. **TOY SHOPPE/MINISTRELS**  
Downtown in old barber shop building
  - F. **COOKIE WALK/ANGEL TREE/  
CRAFTERS**  
Corner of First & Main Streets/City Building
  - G. **PIE & PASTRY**  
Main Street next to Bank
  - H. **MORE CRAFTERS**  
Old Card Room and basement of  
Old Church of Christ building
  - J. **LIVE NATIVITY**  
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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. ■

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## HOMER HOUSEHOLD

BY PAT VARVEL

### Holiday Apple Cake

Fall is apple time! My favorite apple for pies, desserts, and treats is the Jonathon. Here is a delicious APPLE CAKE recipe submitted by Shirley Miller that you can try.

- ½ cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 cups diced apples (about 6)
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons soda
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix oil, eggs, sugar and vanilla. Mix flour, soda, cinnamon, and salt, and add to oil mixture. Mix well, then stir in apples and nuts. Bake 45 minutes in greased 9"x 13" pan at 350°. Serve warm or cold with Cool Whip or ice cream.

—or—

Make this pour-over sauce from Teresa Wilson: In a small pan, combine 1 cup brown sugar, ¾ cup water, ½ stick margarine, and 1½ tablespoons cornstarch. Stir and cook until thick and clear. Pour warm sauce over each piece of cake as you serve it.

### Hot Apple Pudding

My Mother's old fashioned recipe for HOT APPLE PUDDING is quick and easy. Cut 6 peeled apples in slices. Mix ¾ cup sugar with ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, and mix with apples. Place in 8"x 8" greased baking dish and bake at 450° for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, make this batter: Cream 4 tablespoons margarine and ¾ cup sugar together. Add 1 egg, ¼ cup milk, ½ teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt. Mix well until smooth and pour over baked apples. Bake 350° for 30 minutes. Serve warm with milk or ice cream.

### Maple Apple Pudding

Here's another delicious recipe. In a small pan, cook and stir until boiling ¾ cup maple syrup, 1½ teaspoon cornstarch, and 1 cup water. Cook and stir 2 minutes until clear. Add 1 Tablespoon margarine and pour into 8"x 8" greased pan. In a bowl, cut 3 Tablespoons margarine into 1 cup of flour, 2 Tablespoons sugar, and 1½ teaspoons baking powder until crumbly. Stir in 1½ cups chopped apples. Stir in ½ cup milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix just until moist. Drop by tablespoon onto syrup. Mix 2 teaspoons sugar and ¼ teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 350° for 40 minutes. Serve warm.

## NEWS FROM HOMER'S CHURCHES

### **PRESBYTERIAN POSSIBILITIES**

As we had moved into the autumn/thanksgiving season, we began with a sharing program called the Blanket Offering. This is a program which will send blankets and similar items to the needy in this country and world-wide. This Church World Service program is being coordinated locally by Delores Richard, our stewardship chairperson.

On November 23 we will host and share in a service of Thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Churches of Homer Cooperating. There will be sharing by our clergy and special music to add to the experience. If you have no other service to attend, be with us as we thank God for His blessings as a community. The CHC Board met on November 9 to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you haven't seen our on-going window display, check it out—and thank Jim Wakefield for donating the space when you see him. If you have ideas for the window, speak to your church representative on the Churches of Homer Cooperating Board.

On November 29 our members and friends will gather at the church at 9:30 a.m. to get the sanctuary ready for Advent and Christmas—a brunch will follow. The next day, the first Sunday in Advent, we will celebrate Holy Communion. If you have no church home, you are welcome. We're expanding our program, especially in christian education.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received in December to help our ethnic colleges and retired clergy and their families. There will also be a Christmas Eve service. ■

Peace and blessings to all. *Jim Swathwood, Lay Pastor*

### **ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. Charles Borromeo will be sponsoring a breakfast brunch from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 6th during the Christmas at home celebration. There will be muffins, coffee cake, donuts, fruit, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. There will be Christmas music, decorated trees and lots of breakfast treats (for a small fee). ■

### **HOMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**

*"Where Faith in God Makes a Difference"*

These have been exciting days in the life of Homer's Methodist Church. On Sunday, November 2 we dedicated the new church sign given in loving memory of Cecil Darr, Bernard Loeschen, Ray Tate, Ralph Taylor, Robert and Norma Taylor, Lee Varvel, and Roy Woodmansee. This was followed by a well attended fellowship dinner.

On Sunday, November 9, the Jr. High Teens for Christ sponsored a luncheon after worship with proceeds employed for mission outreach—specifically Christmas gifts for the youth at Cunningham Childrens' Home. These teens also serve the church with help in fall clean up.

The Sr. High Teen Christian Organization recently painted at the home of a Homer resident as outreach and are also raising funds for Chaddock Home in Quincy. Each

year they decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Martha's Helpers also offers outreach throughout the year via assistance to others. They help meet needs in every season, including Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas.

The United Methodist Men group meets monthly and serves in maintenance and outreach, including monetary and other gifts to students.

The musical talents of the Church are shared weekly in worship and highlighted at special services. Our Youth Club Choir shared at the annual Homer Churches Cooperating Thanksgiving services which were observed on Sunday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. On Wednesday, November 5, the Youth Club honored the teachers of our district with their annual Teacher's Appreciation Night. Many of our teachers and administrators enjoyed a meal and fellowship with these students.

Homer United Methodist has begun a new tradition of sharing music for the entire hour of worship on fifth Sundays. Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday in Advent, will be given to such music. Persons of every age will share their musical talent. It is a blessing.

The United Methodist Church offers Sunday School classes for every age—toddler through adult. Nursery care is offered for all services. You are always welcome. ■

### **HOMER CHURCHES COOPERATING**

The Homer Churches Cooperating will be sponsoring a live nativity scene on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the window at Wakefield Plumbing on Main street. This is our first live nativity scene. Come by and enjoy the variety of characters (and I do mean "characters") throughout the day. Sorry no animals! ■

*Submitted by Jackie Sturdyvin 896-2225*

### **HOMER CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS**

Great things are happening at the Homer Church of Christ! On October 26th, we dedicated our new building located at 500 E. Second with a morning worship service and then a 2:00 p.m. dedication service. 235 people were in attendance as we opened our building for the first time. Our open house was filled November 1st, but if you haven't seen our new facility yet, drop in. Our ladies will be serving lunch in our new facility. Please bring a friend to walk. Stop in for a tour. We have many additions.

# HERITAGE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Submitted by Diane Walker

The Heritage High School Youth and Government program has seven members this year. Ross Mohr, Chantel McGarigle, Haley Wright, and Abby Lies are writing a bill to increase the penalties for anyone driving on a suspended or revoked license. Adam Bear, Charlie Mitsdarfer, and Ben Hartman will participate in the program as lobbyists in support of our safe-driving bill. The lobbyists will also testify for or against other bills that they feel strongly about in legislative committees.

The Heritage Youth and Government's motto is "Democracy must be learned by each generation." Individuals, businesses, and organizations within the community who are in support of our motto are encouraged to help pay for our annual weekend in Springfield to argue for passage of our bill. Donations in any amount may be sent to Heritage Youth and Government c/o Diane Walker, Box 260, Broadlands, IL 61816. ■

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