

The Evergreen Community Center

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The abandoned Evergreen School building was investigated by Mrs. Robert E. Ellisor in 1958 to find school supplies not claimed since consolidation with Cold Springs in 1938. She contacted M. C. Jones, Coldspring Principal, who brought elementary teachers to secure books for their classes. This building was deeded to Evergreen Community Churches by the School Trustees. It stood vacant until this investigation, used occasionally by neighborhood children for skating.

Plans to form the Center were made by Evergreen Home Demonstration Club members in the E. M. Ellisor home. Charter member families were: J. A. Caldwell, Robert E. Ellisor, Joe J. Owens, Seth Dabney, Walter T. Carter, Vera Whitmire, J. D. Whitmire, George Robison, Virgil Cooper, Arthur McAdams, George Hightower, Wayne Richards, Walter Carter, Ozro Lay, Will H. Brown, John R. Browder, E. D. Dabney. The first meeting was held by candlelight. After a covered dish supper, officers were elected as follows:

President Mr. Will H. Brown; Secretary Mrs. Robert E. (June) Ellisor); Treasurer Mr. Emmett D. Dabney
Bylaws were compiled setting boundaries and rules governing use of the building. Our first project was selling cold drinks donated by E. D. Dabney. Proceeds \$6.90. Pulp wood was cut to clear premises for access road, brining \$47.00. Vanilla was sold to secure coffee urns. Money was made by selling cold drinks and cakes with suppers of ice cream, chili and spaghetti. Proceeds and donations were used in furnishing and purchasing supplies for remodeling the center. Our first item purchased was an electric hot plate, honoring Will H. (Bill) Brown's 75th birthday. Ms. Laura Hoot baked the cake. Members have supported and participated in the County Fair by entering exhibit booths, floats, and were given permission to operate the Food Booth in 1959 and 1964. The center building is currently used for civic, church, and community activities where members gather for fellowship and fun.