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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: April 9, 2002 12:00 p.m. noon McDonald's Family Restaurant

ATTENDANCE: 28 plus Jay Nussbaum and John Capasso

MISSING: J.Bachtold, K.Bahler, R.Davis, D.Kinate, B.Munz, E.Palen, M.Petersen, L.Weber

SING-A-LONG: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

LOTTO: S.Weeks and L.McPherson



PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNER
BILL ORTH

ACTION ON THE AVENUE

CLUB SERVICE:

Programs:

4 - 16 Mike Petersen	4 - 23 Mike White	
4 - 30 NO MEETING		

ASSOC. OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MTG.

"A Taste of Fairbury"

April 29th, 6:30 p.m. at Westview School.

The AOC will have a different "twist" to the annual meeting this year. It is titled "A Taste of Fairbury". Eight restaurants will bring samplings from their eateries. Except for a short business meeting, the evening will be a social time to meet with fellow members and guests.



NOTE: This will replace our April 30th meeting. Rotary pays for members, spouse is \$12.00.

Membership:

April 19th - Just 2 weeks! - Route 24 Cleanup. Meet at Dean Moser's **Old** house at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Jeff Schweizer received his Director's Pin for his work with Interact. We had a good time with the Interact kids April 8th at Marchelloni's. We had pizza and a presentation by Brandon Dohman on their new website and then we bowled. Jeff passed out 4-Way test billfold cards.

QUIPS AND QUOTES:

**It doesn't matter where you're coming from;
all that matters is where you are going.**

**Experience is not what happens to you; it is
what you do with what happens to you.**

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P.C. NEW SUPERINTENDENT CHENOA ANNEXATION OR CONSOLIDATION

JOHN CAPASSO AND JAY NUSSBAUM

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Part of the Prairie Central High School building, shown in left photo, could easily accommodate an additional 120 students (approximately equivalent of Chenoa High School) if districts merged. In photo at right, a much older high school building of Chenoa, is in need of extensive repair and currently has no cafeteria facilities. Members of the two boards have been discussing a possible merger, and hope to have the issue on the November ballot.
Sharon Miller/The Blade

Jay explained the procedure for finding a new superintendent. They first hired a search group from Monticello. The group sent out brochures, put the job on the web site and sent personal letters. All applications had to go through the search group. The board instructed them to bring them the best seven applications. They received 26 from Iowa and Illinois. They then took the folders on the seven applicants and looked for anything they didn't like. After this they began 1 hour interviews with each,

asking seven questions. Their goal was to narrow it down to two people. The board then visited the applicants where they worked. They talked with administrators, schools, etc. (They thought it best to leave "coffee shops" out of this one!) The board then conducted a second interview. It basically was the applicants turn to interview the board on salary, benefits, etc. They went through this entire process to hire a man who lived 11 miles from Fairbury. Jay pointed out this is a huge job, demanding a great deal of time.

Dr. John Capasso felt we have a great school system. Prairie Central is well represented. The school system is well thought of and very prestigious. He has always respected Dr. Pogue and felt P.C. is very well run and the finances are in good order. Dr. Pogue ran a "tight ship". He was very impressed with the school board. John stated this was a "lifelong goal to become a part of the Prairie Central school system."

BITS & PIECES

*A mixture of horse sense and common sense
about working with people.*

When we face the worst that can happen in any situation, we grow. When circumstances are at their worst, we can find our best.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler...Life Lessons Scribner

Fear or failure and fear of the unknown are always defeated by faith. Having faith in yourself, in the process of change, and in the new direction that change sets will reveal your own inner core of steel.

Georgette Mosbacher, Bus. Exec.

AREA ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thur.	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:15 p.m.	Wed.	Bayern Stube
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	11:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center
Piper City	6:15 p.m.	Mon.	Azz Izz Tavern
Pontiac	12:00 Noon	Tues.	Mary's Family Rest.