



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE"

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## DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** July 23 , 2002 12:00 noon, McDonald's Family Restaurant

**ATTENDANCE:** 22 Plus John Capasso

**MISSING:** K.Bahler, R.Coady, R.Davis, D.Kinate, E.Palen, J.Paternoster, M.Petersen, M.Prost, D.Roberts, J.Schweizer, M.Steffen, J.Strong, J.Tollensdorf, M.White

**SING-A-LONG:** Down By the Riverside and Daisy Bell

**LOTTO:** Bob Nussbaum and Steve Weeks

## ACTION ON THE AVENUE

### CLUB SERVICE:

#### Programs:

7 - 30 Phil Hermes  
8 - 6 Jim Schahrer

#### Membership:



Gibson Rotary will have their Golf Outing August 1st. For \$65/person you get a cart, steak dinner and prizes. We also have the sign up sheet for the District Golf Outing starting August 31st.

August 9th Gary Huston has another Golf Outing at the Elks \$50/person. Contact him for more information.

We have several outstanding dues.

***PLEASE PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***

### QUIPS AND QUOTES:

*Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.*

**DANNY THOMAS (1914-1991)**  
Entertainer

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### AREA ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

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

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# SUPERINTENDENT - P.C. SCHOOL DISTRICT

## JOHN CAPASSO

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John moved into his new home on Second Street last week only to be greeted by gun play! What a welcome. He started in his new position on July 1st. He has been treated with kindness and loves small town living. This is a "dream job" for him. If you are outside looking in, this is the place. Other schools envy this district. In setting up Fieldcrest, Prairie Central was used as a standard for the new school system. The curriculum is second to none. "You should be proud of what you have and what you have done." As you know, as enrollment declines, revenues erode. You have to look for opportunities. Sometimes you have to drop classes with low enrollment to keep a higher standard. I can also be necessary to reduce the number of teachers, staff and programs. P.C. has a healthy bond rate. To rescue and preserve our

system, we have to enhance the system and we can do that by encouraging Chenoa to annex. This would allow us to continue to bring quality to both Chenoa and P.C. students. It would also increase enrollment to 2400 students and increase our assessed value by about \$40 million. Also, we will receive \$2.1 million in state incentives. Chenoa and P.C. can not afford to pass this up both financially and for a quality education. The Regional Board of Education has approved the annexation. It will be on the ballot November 5th. In order for this to happen, both districts will have to pass this by a majority vote. The boards of P.C. and Chenoa are both committed to this project. They have put a lot of hard work into this and feel it is the right thing to do to preserve and enhance the education of our children.

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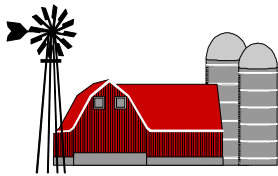
### BITS & PIECES

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

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### THE OUTSIDER'S INSIGHT



Two brothers worked adjoining farms in harmony for many years. Then a small misunderstanding became a major rift. They spat hurtful words at one another, insulted each other's families, and nearly came to blows until the younger brother decided to stop the madness. He diverted a stream into a meadow between the two farms, creating a permanent barrier between them.

One morning a carpenter came to the older brother and asked for work. The older brother said, "Well, my brother diverted that creek to separate our farms, so I'll go him one better. Let's build a high fence."

"I think I understand the solution," said the carpenter as he began work.

When the older brother returned that evening, he found a bridge over the stream! As he walked toward it in wonder, he saw his estranged brother coming across, holding out his hand. "Thank you," he said, "for having this bridge built to bring us back together."

As they shook hands, the older brother saw the carpenter preparing to leave. "Please stay," he said.

"I'd love to," replied the carpenter, "but I have many other bridges to build."

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### SHAPE THE FUTURE

**Begin to make the kind of investment of personal time which will assure that those who come after us will live as well.**

**CHARLES W. BRAY III**  
**Former U.S. Ambassador to Senegal**