



The Cornpicker

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"Lend a Hand"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: August 5, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 25 plus Tara Davis, Rebecca Harms, Karen Harms, Elaine Davis, Jane Casson, Brian Munz, Clint Davis, Steve Anderson and Bay Forrest

MISSING: 14

SING-A-LONG: Too much going on!

LOTTO: D. Oelschlager & R. Nussbaum

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

8/12 Jim Schahrer - Fair
 8/19 Mark Prost
 8/26 Carl Borngasser



I need all dues paid in full!

QUIPS & QUOTES

The value of experience
 is not in seeing much,
 but in seeing wisely.
 -William Osler, Physician

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Circus is September 4 at the Fairgrounds!



The circus is moving along thanks to Dr. Capasso, the school & Boys & Girls Club. Tickets will be available at Citizens Bank in Chatsworth, State Bank of Forrest in Forrest and Dave's Supermarket and Bluestem National Bank in Fairbury.

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

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| 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. |

Speaker: Bay Forrest



Bay Forrest is an Evangelist at the Fairbury Tent Revival. He played in the NBA for the Phoenix Suns from 1977-1980. He was very impressed that our community had 5 churches working together and commended them. Bay put on a basketball camp for 20-25 of our students. It is

important to work with kids and give them time. It is important to show them the right kind of role model. We are all role models. 1. What kind of role model are you? Bay has been doing this for the past 20 years, 5 years in Africa. Kids desperately need someone to look up to.

P.C. Dairy Judging Team

Speakers: Tara Davis, Brian Munz, Rebecca Harms



These kids started judging as freshmen and went through their senior year. They judged at U of I for the state contest and finished 1st, and then went to the nationals and finished 3rd. The top 3 teams got to go to Scotland. June 18

they went to Baltimore, then flew to Iceland, then Glasgow, Scotland. They took a bus tour of Edinburgh, visiting the Robert Louis Stevenson house, and Edinburgh Castle where they saw the Crown Jewels of Scotland. There were flowers everywhere. They got to see the Royal Highland Show. Their coach for the trip was Becky Meyer. They had to judge four classes (6 minutes per class) and give two sets of reasons for each. After the contest they walked around the fair. Have you seen a four horn Jacob sheep? Curling and sheep shearing were done with "hand clippers". The next day they went to England to Coventry, then Stratford Upon Avon, then London where they took a bus tour of the city. They saw Big Ben, London Bridge. Ask the kids about the story of London Bridge and how America bought it. Also, they went to

Westminster Abbey. Warwick Castle (horror stories) and St Peter and Paul Cathedral. After this to Waterloo Station, then under the English Channel to Belgium. Here they visited a hog farm with 250 sows raising pigs to 40#. The farm had 40 acres set at a cost of only \$12,500 per acre. Other visits were to the Belgium Blue beef farm, the Vegetable Market which was open from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. doing more than 150 million dollars per year. They had 280 buyers. Next was Brussels. They bought Belgium Lace and Chocolate. They went to the Grand Place. In Brussels it would get dark at 11:00 p.m. and light at 4:00 a.m. They had a 3-day home stay with families in the area. They use wet hay for the cows due to weather. They can't afford the machinery so hire it custom done. Farmers wear shorts and no hats. (They must not give away free hats there!) The government dictates all farming and requires you to pass a written test to continue the family farm. One farm they stayed at milked 71 cows that were on pasture all the time. From Belgium they traveled through Holland to Cologne, Germany. They took a cruise down the Rhine River to Heidelberg for a two day stay. Here they visited castles and wineries. They visited an Angus Farm. This farmer made 360 Uros or \$450/cow. Thirty-five students went on the trip from Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Oregon and Illinois.

BITS & PIECES

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

THE HOMECOMING . . . A man returning from a trip was greeted by his family in the baggage claim area of the airport. He reached for his younger son and gave him a loving hug. "I missed you so much," he said to the boy. "Look at how big you are." "I missed you, too," the boy said, holding on to his father. An older boy approached the two, hugged them both and said, "So much happened while you were away, Dad. I can't wait to tell you everything!" "I can't wait to *hear* about it! I know you took care of things while I was gone." The man hugged his sons again and then looked upon the smiling face of his wife. "Welcome back, honey," said his wife, inviting him into a lengthy, amorous kiss.

A stranger, moved by this display of genuine affection, asked, "You have such a beautiful family. How long have you been married?" "Twelve years," the man replied proudly, still gazing into his wife's adoring eyes. "Have you been gone a long time?" "Yeah, two days. I'm so happy to be back home with my family." "Two days? Wow!" said the stranger. "I hope that someday when I get married I will still feel that passionate after 12 years."

The smile faded from the man's face. He looked the stranger in the eye and said, "Don't hope, my friend. Decide." He smiled once again and retrieved his bag from the carousel. Before he walked away with his family, he nodded to the stranger and repeated, "*Decide.*"