



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"LEND A HAND"

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** July 8, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

**ATTENDANCE:** 21 plus Jay Nussbaum, "Mac", Curtis Elliot & Gunnar

**MISSING:** 18

**SING-A-LONG:** You're a Grand Old Flag - In The Good Old Summer Time

**LOTTO:** K. Bahler and J. Paternoster

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Programs:

7/15 J. Capasso - PC new faces & looks - Chenoa?  
 7/22 Gary Huston  
 7/29 Open

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scott Gregory sent a thank you for being awarded one of our scholarships.

### QUIPS & QUOTES

There are so many people who can figure costs and so few who can measure values.

-John Jennings

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### AREA 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.

# Officer "Mac" & Gunnar

Speaker: "Mac" McCormick

Prior to Mac beginning his presentation, Jeff presented Mac with a new bullet and knife proof jacket purchased by our club. Mac thanked us for the gift to the Fairbury Police Dept. and Officer Gunnar. Officer McCormick came from Streator where he had been an officer for 18 years. He is a seasoned dog handler with 9 years experience at Streator - 4 1/2 with the K-9 unit. He then took a job at Sheridan State Prison until closed by the state. He enjoys working with a K-9 especially a new dog. Gunnar is a one year old full blooded Shepherd. Since Mac had been through the training, they were able to complete it in two weeks with an instructor. They teach the dogs to be social and professional. Gunnar is a dual purpose (full service) dog. He is trained in narcotics, tracking, building search, apprehension and trainer protection (bite protection). The sense of smell is their major sense used. If everything is going well he will sit and watch but if Mac is assaulted Gunnar will engage. Most people do not want to fight a dog and are less resistant. The courts have taken some use away from K-9 units disallowing the free air sniff. They presently need reasonable suspicion and probable cause. This has really hampered their efforts. They have been called out several times already. In Pontiac they were called out to the Pro Active Unit where Gunnar was alerted to a vehicle and

they found 3 grams of crack cocaine and \$1,200 on the seat. Normally a dog will be retired in 5 to 6 years and remain with the handler. Some last longer based on health and use. Gunnar is constantly in training. "Mac" will introduce him to everything he can. Currently, Gunnar only weighs 87 pounds. A German Shepherd traditionally is a police dog. To be a police dog they start early with them as a puppy in a thing called "ball drive confidence". They roll a ball by the litter of pups to see which one will react. They will hold them down to see which one will fight to get loose and see how confident the pup is at trying to get loose. The dog basically alerts to odor. They have a toy they use for smell. They put an odor on the toy so he will try to locate the odor in his search. Basically they are looking for the toy to play with. Once they find the odor they are taught to scratch. Their reward is . . . play with his toy after finding the drugs. They love to have fun and play. Gunnar stays with Mac and his family. The dog is very social but when it is time to work he knows it and he is all work.



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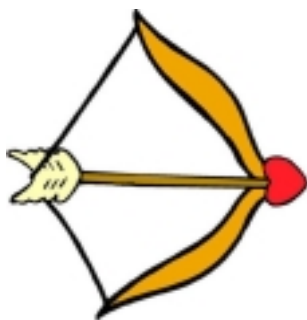
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## BITS & PIECES

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

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Once in ancient India there was a tournament held to test marksmanship in archery. A wooden fish was set up on a high pole and the eye of the fish was the target.

One by one, many young men tried their skill in vain. Before each one shot his arrow, the teacher asked him what he saw. All of them replied that they saw a fish on the pole at great height with head, eyes, etc.

But one young man said, as he took his aim, "*I see the eye of the fish and nothing else.*" He was the only one who succeeded in hitting the target.