



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lend a Hand"

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### DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** September 2, 2003 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 plus Lesa Starbuck, Becky Strong & Greg Zalapi

**SING-A-LONG:** None

**LOTTO:** Jim Schahrer (donated back to Rotary) & Becky Strong

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Programs:

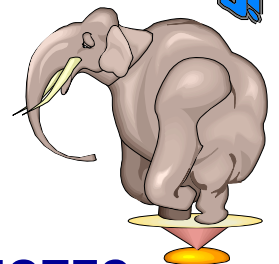
9/09 PCHS Fall/Winter Sports

### Fairbury's own Mutant Ninja Turtle!



*The Circus is Coming!*  
Thursday, Sept 4

Get your  
tickets!



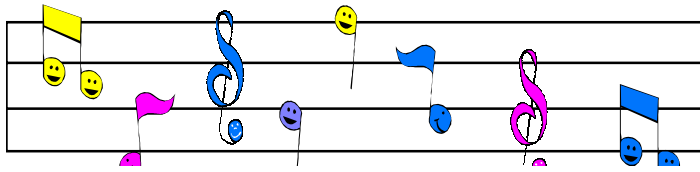
### QUIPS & QUOTES

The reason some parents want their children to play the piano instead of the violin is that it's harder to lose a piano.

### 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.

# Prairie Central Music Department



**Lesa Starbuck, Becky Strong & Greg Zalapi**

Lesa Starbuck has been with Prairie Central for 11 years and she has the High School and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band. The high school fall marching band program this year is entitled "As Time Goes By" and they will be performing the half-time show at our home football games. The marching band will be competing this year at Geneso, Mahomet/Seymore, Metamora and Illinois State University. After marching band they will be going directly into concert and pep band. The high school also has two full jazz bands and they do a Jazz Show in March. Lesa is proud of the fact that 9 of the top 10 seniors this year are in the band program.

Greg Zalapi is from Antioch, Illinois and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He has the Junior High Band and also assists with the marching band. At the junior high level they have their own concert band and jazz band. The bands have scheduled concerts and also compete at contest where they have received division one ratings. The students also have the opportunity to

compete at solo and ensemble contest. The junior high band presently has 74 musicians and he feels that that his biggest responsibility is to get them ready for high school band.

Becky Strong is from Bartlett, Illinois and is a May 2003 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University. She has the High School and Chatsworth Elementary choirs under her direction. The high school has a concert choir consisting of 69 men and women, and a treble choir of 60 women. In addition they also have a madrigal and jazz choir. The students can receive individual coaching before or after school, and she likes to stress good music reading skills.



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## BITS & PIECES

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

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**GIVING IT YOUR ALL.** Carlos Santana began playing guitar on the streets of Mexico at the age of 11. Though the Grammy-winning artist was mentored by such legendary musicians as B.B. King and John Lee Hooker, Santana credits most of his success to his high school art teacher, Mr. Knudsen.

As a teenager, Santana moved with his family to the States. School held little interest for him, and Knudsen's art class was

the only subject he was passing. When Knudsen found out, he pulled Santana aside and said, "There's no room for anyone giving 50 percent. You should do 150 percent. Whatever you're doing or whatever you're trying to be - whether you're a painter or a musician or a fireman."

Those words struck a chord with the young guitarist. From that day forward, Santana focused all his energy on his music. Since then, he has recorded over 36 albums and received an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Adapted from *The Right Words at the Right Time*  
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