



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Lend a Hand"

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**DATE/TIME/ PLACE:** February 17, 2004 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus Barb Sullivan, Jean McCain and Dick Spafford

**MISSING:** E. Bellot, T. Casson, R. Coady, R. Davis, K. Ernst, J. Gerber,  
 P. Hermes, D. Kinate, M. Prost, D. Roberts, K. Robson, J. Schweizer,  
 M. Steffen, K. Stewart, M. White, F. Wing

**SING-A-LONG:** Down In The Valley - You're A Grand Old Flag

**LOTTO:** Barb Sullivan and Dean Moser

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 2/24 Rod Stevens - Nature Center - Marty & Kris Travis
- 3/02 PCHS Spring Sports
- 3/09 Debbie Oelschlager
- 3/16 PCHS Solo & Ensemble
- 3/23 Bill Fugate
- 3/30 OPEN

### 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      |

### "Bits & Pieces"

I can almost guarantee you that someday, as you look back on your life, you'll be less interested in how many items and achievements you were able to collect than in how much you were able to express love, spend time with the people you care most about, and contribute to the world you live in.

Richard Carlson, Writer

**Living is like licking honey  
off a thorn.**



# Livingston Co. Nursing Home

Carl Borngasser, Barb Sullivan, Jean McCain, Dick Spafford

The nursing home is running in a deficit of \$400,000 + 1 year. This would mean \$2.5 to \$5 million loss in 10 years. In DeKalb they built a new facility and are a break-even operation. The county had decided to do a study and came up with a build a new facility using landfill money and levy a tax for operations of \$34.00 on a \$100,000 home and \$.22/acre on farm ground. Approx. cost to build - \$12 - 15 million dollars. It costs between \$40-\$50,000 per year to live in a nursing home. Liv. Co. residents deserve a new facility. In the existing facility not every room has a bathroom and the rooms are too small to meet standards. Nursing homes may not be full now but in 5-8 years with the baby boomers we will need more space. "We are all just one

stroke away from needing nursing home care". They are medicare certified. The Federal government insurance plan . . at 65 you use part A in the home, for rehab and therapy the first 20 days they pay 100%. For skilled level care all but \$109.50 per day. They accept one of the highest medicaid percentages of any home at 60-65%. Medicaid costs the home money. The shortfall is \$18.68/day or a \$450,000 deficit. If they build a new building medicaid would increase by \$14/day or a \$4.00/day deficit. A new building will be more efficient. DeKalb built new and no longer have to levy a tax and are paying off \$750,000 bonds. We have the landfill to build the building. Financially, this is viable. The general fund has to support the home at present.

## Livingston Manor - on the ballot March 16th

### Today at Livingston Manor

- 122 beds, both skilled and intermediate levels of care
- Medicare certified
- Medicaid certified
- 60%+ Medicaid residents
- 99% of all residents are from Livingston Co. or have family living in Livingston Co.
- 150 full and part-time county employees, 95% of whom live in Livingston County
- Continuous nursing home care since 1859

Will you say **YES** to Livingston Manor? It takes the cost of dinner out (or less) to help our Livingston Manor.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| \$100,000 house | \$ 34.00 a year   |
| 80,000 house    | 27.00 a year      |
| 70,000 house    | 24.00 a year      |
| 60,000 house    | 20.00 a year      |
| 50,000 house    | 17.00 a year      |
| Farmland        | 22 cents per acre |

The tax increase will cover the \$450,000 shortfall in operating costs until the new nursing home is built.

- The new nursing home will be more efficient to operate from both staffing and maintenance standpoints
- The new nursing home will significantly increase money received from Public Aid.
- The new nursing home can be built using Livingston Landfill monies with NO additional cost to taxpayers!