



The Cornpicker

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"Celebrate Rotary"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: September 28, 2004 - 12:00 Noon at McDonalds

ATTENDANCE: 30 plus Daryl Coates

MISSING: M. Borah, T. Casson, R. Coady, R. Davis, K. Ernst, P Hermes, D. Kinate, D. Oelschlager, J. Schahrer, M. Steffen, K. Stewart

SING-A-LONG: The Band Played On - In The Good Old Summer Time

LOTTO: Ella Bellot and Bob Nussbaum

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

10/05 OPEN 10/19 Deb Oelschlager
 10/12 OPEN 10/26 P.C.

Jim Roberts noted he submitted Si for the oldest member of a club and the oldest active member to the district.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

100 Yr. Project for Rotary - 4 park benches at about \$500 each and up to \$1,000 for a matching fund to repair the Historical Old City Hall clock. A motion was made by Steve Weeks, seconded by Heather Herr. Passed by all present.

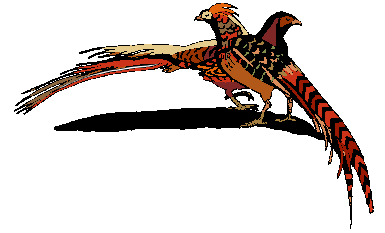
Saturday, October 16 from 10-12 - Route 24 Cleanup. Free pizza and pop (what no beer?) at Marchelloni's for all who help . . . after the work is done.

Bits & Pieces

Don't make it hard - make it happen!!

IDNR - Sibley Habitat Area

Daryl Coates



The Sibley Habitat Area was originally the Ames Farm. They are attempting to turn the clock back to 1962 & 63 with crop rotation of corn, oats, hay, then hay again. In '63 you would remove hay around June 10th to the 27th allowing for pheasant hatching, etc, but now hay is being removed as early as May 31st. They are delaying the hay removal after August 1st to promote pheasant production. This hay is not of good quality but has some use. The new layout of this area is corn, oats, hay and hay. They will not mow until after August 1st. They hope to get a 2nd and maybe 3rd cutting to help pay for the crop. They currently cash rent the property. Four years ago DNR and Pheasants Forever (Liv. Co., Ford, McLean, Kankakee branches, etc) each chipped in \$2,000 per chapter as a down payment to hold this ground until the I.D.N.R. could use their II. Habitat fund and open land trust to purchase this ground for \$1.4 million. The II. Habitat fund comes from Habitat stamps and the Habitat and Pheasant Fund. The open land trust fund comes from excise tax on oil well drilling funds. There was \$30 million set aside that hasn't been used and has grown considerably. It first became available to the state for habitat projects. Daryl passed out a hunter fact sheet. They are issuing 4 hunting permits per day of which you can take 3 additional people. It

will be open for pheasants 15 to 17 days per year up to Dec. 24. In November they will have hunts on Tues. & Sat. In December, Wed. and Sun. It is open to any individual. You must apply for a free upland game permit. There is a good habitat potential in the Sibley area. I.D.N.R. looks at 7 miles around their property for potential. They target CRP ground to enhance their property and around their site. Farm programs are looked at and they try to educate farmers about these. Daryl manages about 1/2 of the public owned acreage in the state - Sibley 635 acres, Purdue 120 acres, Paxton off Route 9 and Saybrook - 80 acres. The state has purchased 14 acres for pheasant habitat. Farming and wildlife can go together. You have to look at how you manage your property. Farm rotation, and budget determine what you can do on a site. A lot of times it is proper management of ground that should not be in production. Presently, they are farming 250 acres of the Sibley Farm. They started with a cash rent of \$135/acre the first year; 2nd year - \$81/acre, next year \$56/acre. They are using no till or limited till. They determine the number of bird by bird count and call count per acre. This determines days of hunting, etc. There call count at this site has gone from 1 call to 8 for pheasants.

BITS & PIECES

Because it hasn't been done before, doesn't mean
it can't be done. Those who are afraid to make a mistake
will never make a significant achievement.

Ted Hood
America's Cup Winner

BENEFIT FOR BOBBIE AND CHARLIE MCKEON

Saturday, October 16th

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Walton Centre

Raffle • Door Prizes • 50-50

Bobbie has been diagnosed with Cancer. She has already
had surgery and will undergo chemotherapy.