



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Service Above Self"

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** November 15, 2005 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 18 plus Jim Hargett

**SING-A-LONG:** "Good Night Ladies" and The Band Played On

**LOTTO:** D. Moser & Jim Hargett

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

11-22	John Capasso	12-13	PCJH - Literary
	(Hall of Fame)	12-20	Gary Huston
11-29	Tom Kahle	12-27	Joan Smeltzer
12-06	Christmas Party		



### Rotary Christmas Party December 6 6:30 p.m. at Marchelloni's

Madrigals will entertain Rotary members and spouses/guests. Sign up sheet is being passed around next week or contact Linda at 692-2142. We need a count.

### Bits & Pieces

Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

Billy Graham, Clergyman

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Student of the Month:** Tim Aberle

**Nominating Dept:** Math/Computers

I nominate Tim Aberle for student of the month. Tim is an excellent and conscientious mathematics student. Tim lives in Fairbury with his parents Janet and Mark Aberle. He is involved with Math team, Scholastic Bowl, Cross Country, Band and Baseball. In his free time, Tim likes to listen to music and watch hockey.



Piper City Rotary Club is selling poinsettias:  
Colors: Red/white/pink  
6" pot for \$8.50.  
Delivery date: 12/2 or after.  
Contact: Jerry Rebholz  
(815)686-2419 before 11/22

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thursday	Elks Club
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wednesday	The Country Kettle
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



## Liv. Com. Central Dispatch

Carl Borngasser & Jim Hargett

We, the residents of Livingston Co. need to support Central Dispatch. The current discussion is that the Sherriff's Dept. take over control. There has been an email out announcing this as being a done deal

by Pontiac. The feeling is there should be some discussion by the users - fire, EMS and police. It is important we make our citizens aware! Jim discussed how well our 911 system works compared to others. The talk is the Sherriff should take over Liv-Com system because it will be broke in 5 years. Our current dispatch does an awesome job. The Sherriff 's Dept.

does a great job, but telecommunication's primary job should be just that. Jim's experience with other dispatch include a 911 call of a knife incident - "dispatch "can't hear you - call back the Sherriff. A car accident they gave out right coordinates but paged out the wrong department 10 miles away. A shooting - fire - EMS were paged out for a gun - people in the building. Asked if police coming, they said yes - 30 to 45 min. later the police arrived. Luckily, they stayed a block away. This does not happen here. The T.C. keeps you up on everything. We are proud of our dispatch. If it goes to the Sherriff's Dept. we are afraid dispatch will not be their primary duty. They will be guards and deputies first. We have a good relationship and they have a sense of what is going on. "They stay with us!" People need to get involved.

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## Bits & Pieces

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In an effort to meet the demands of his growing market share and carve out more free time for himself, Al Hawkins decided to restructure his company. He spent months looking for the perfect self-starter to take over the reins. Finally, he settled on Peter Donaldson, an aggressive industry veteran who wasn't afraid to shake things up to get the job done.

Much to Hawkins' surprise, though, business associates warned him that his choice was no good. Rumor had it that Donaldson was less than reputable. "I don't have time for this 'gossip", Hawkins told the naysayers. "If you can't tell me something good, don't tell me anything." And with that he gave Donaldson charge of the company.

During the first six months, Donaldson replaced at least half of the company's employees with some of his former colleagues. Next, he made deals for the acquisitions of smaller businesses in the industry. All the while, the company was spending more money than it was bringing in.

"You've got to spend money to get money," Donaldson assured Hawkins. "Just wait and see what profits are like for you next year."

But by the next year, the company was nearly bankrupt. Donaldson skipped town with millions of dollars in embezzled funds. And Hawkins was left with a major mess on his hands that no amount of time or money could repair.

"If only I would've listened to what everyone was trying to tell me," Hawkins lamented. "At the very least, I should have checked things out for myself."

Criticism and opposition are a part of life. In business and in life, you've got to take the good with the bad. And while ultimately it may be better to focus on the positive, never let your focus become so narrow that you ignore this timeless wisdom: . . . *All that glitters isn't gold.*