



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** January 31, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus Darren Ropp and Chad Schieler

**SING-A-LONG:** Home on the Range

**LOTTO:** Leroy and Bill O.

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 02-07 Terry Casson - ISHA - Brian Schaumburg
- 02-14 Pat Harmet Sonshine Designs
- 02-21 P.C.H.S. - Captains
- 02-28 Rod Stevens

**Membership:**

Pre-P.E.T.S. Both our President Elect (the dictator!) and V.P. went. Our Asst. Dist. Gov. recommends we send both to the 2-day P.E.T.S. in March 24-25 in Springfield.



Board Meeting next Monday . . . or next?

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Voted to spend \$50.00 toward the canon replacement in Central Park. R.Y.L.A. - we are looking for students for end of March.

## Bits & Pieces

Live simply; love extravagantly!

### 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

# Trapping

Chad Schieler

Chad grew up on the farm trapping. Trapping has a long history that he is proud of. Diane and Duane Schieler are his parents. They used to have cattle, milk cows, hogs. . .and rats. They tried the \$100 ultrasound equipment but ended up with traps to control the problem. His grandfather (Bud Reavis) had several traps. This was a way of feeding the family in the old days. Eventually, Chad ended up with all his grandfather's traps many of which were homemade. They used to get .05/rat. He started with raccoons and groundhogs and it grew to what it is today. He loves outdoor wildlife and works to manage it, enjoy it, is a user of the food and fur and profits some from it along with give-back. Chad has a B.S. in Biology from S.I.U. In 1992 he went back for a Masters in Zoology - a study of animals. Chad worked at the University during Grad School. This gave him a bigger scope and practical experience. He recalls at 9 years old his dream was to pump gas and trap. First



job out of school was for the State at 20,000 to trap bobcats and tag and release river otters. In high school fur prices were high - \$40 - \$45/raccoon. It was a good hobby that paid for itself. Prices are now \$10.00. He got married and found it took time away from the family so it was either make money or do nothing. He read an article "Make Your Hobby a Business".

When in Chicago he saw a company come in and trap raccoons, skunks and possum that were damaging homes there. So, he wrote for his commercial Class A license. He used their techniques and began trapping for a fee. There was a definite niche and need.



Animal habitats were disappearing so they were moving in to town. Coyotes drove fox into town. He could charge \$100.00 to get a raccoon out of an attic. Chad could trap on the way to work and get rid of them on the way home. You can find a list of licensed trappers in your area by zip code. They have to give an annual report to the state on all species caught, released, and killed. They are required to kill skunks and raccoons due to rabies, etc. He does no advertising. Last year in town he caught 20 fox in one area. Raccoons do the biggest damage to chimneys, soffits and roofs. They are designed to live in old rotten trees so if they smell wood that is rotten, they will chew a hole in it and enter your house. Chad traps such things as birds, possum, groundhogs, woodchucks, raccoons, squirrels, skunk, beavers, and moles. He charges \$75 to \$100 per job. This has come about because of a human-animal conflict due to our modern society.