



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

"Service Above Self"

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** March 28, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus Private Kyle Ramsey & Martin Steidinger

**LOTTO:** Debbie Oelschlager and Kyle Ramsey

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 04-04 Rotary Foundation
- 04-11 P.C.H.S. - FFA
- 04-18 Robin Coady
- 04-25 Ed Palen

**Members:**

Thank you from the Jim Roberts family.



- 4-01 Jeff Schweizer
- 4-07 John Rich
- 4-17 Bill Orth
- 4-19 Ed Palen
- 4-28 Tracy Taylor
- 4-30 Jim Schahrer

### COMMUNITY SERVICE



Our **roadside pick up** is scheduled for April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Meet at Marchelloni's. **We need help!**



**Community Sale:** April 22. Bring your prize possessions & junk to sell. This is our Fund Raiser. Contribute!

### Bits & Pieces

Not truth, but faith it is that keeps the world alive.  
Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950) Poet

### 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      |

## Private Kyle Ramsey



Kyle worked at Petersen Motors for two years before joining the Army. He has served in Iraq, Baghdad, etc. He is a tank driver stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado in the 3rd U.S. Cavalry. In 2005 he served in Kuwait, Baghdad and Syrian Border. His largest battle was Operation Out of Iraq. They went in, took over the schools, etc. In 3 weeks the kids were back in school. The problem is you do not hear the good things about this war.

It gets cold in Iraq 8-9 degrees. And, in the summer it is 135 to 140. They carry 60 lbs of equipment. One big problem is the hired assassins from other countries.

## Apostolic Christian Church World Relief Biloxi, Mississippi

They have been in Biloxi, Mississippi for 3 months. They have 40-70 men each week with tools and equipment stationed in Cedar Creek. There are 4 trailers with tools and 6 to 7 crews every day. They went to rent a shower facility but they wanted \$30,000 so they took a trailer and put 5 showers in it and washers and dryers. They took classrooms and combined them to make sleeping areas.



You got a mattress & chair. The kitchen fed 47 guys in the morning. They had to pack their lunch in the morning. All this from 4:00 a.m. -7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. - then at 4:00 p.m. they got to use the facility again. Everyone had their duties. They

converted damaged building into storage facilities for building supplies. A lot of their job was to re-drywall homes. The water averaged from 8" in the house to over the roof. A lot of them

had to have new studs put in. They went to churches to see who needs help. A lot of them had hurricane insurance but no

flood insurance. The houses were crude and a lot of small houses. They did build two new houses. He knew it was bad . . . but this was bad! BAD! The only way you could get a F.E.M.A. trailer was to have a water, sewer and electric hook up. You clean out the house and pile it along the street for pick up. The casinos were the first to be restored (imagine that). He was there 4 months after the hurricane and it still looked like yesterday. This will take several years to clean up. Martin showed a slide show of the damage and how people improvised to live and survive.

