



# The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** May 9 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 21 plus Joe Cliffe, Jessica Delaney, Ashley Lawless, Kiel Huling & Ben Rudin

**SING-A-LONG:** My Wild Irish Rose (It was wild!) - You're a Grand Old Flag

**LOTTO:** Joe Cliffe & Joan Smeltzer

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

**Programs:**

- 05-16 P.C.H.S. - Interact
- 05-23 P.C.H.S. - Student of the Month
- 05-30 OPEN
- 06-06 Mark Steffen - UPS Pilot
- 06-13 Denny Vaughan - Identify Theft/Scams
- 06-20 Tracy Taylor Tissue & organ donations
- 06-27 Tom Kahle - Ethanol Plant

**Membership:**

Wasn't that a great lunch! Thanks John! It was fun!

**INTERACT** - Next week is Interact at noon . . . then at 5:00 p.m. they will have a pizza party and bowl.

Our condolences to the family of Si Moser. Si passed away Wednesday, May 10. He was a member of Rotary since 1942 and will be greatly missed.



### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**District Assembly** was last week. Go to the Rotary District 6490 web site for pictures. K. Schwiezer was present and participated in flags & talent show.



[www.rotary6490.org](http://www.rotary6490.org)

### Bits & Pieces

*Mothers write on the hearts of their children what the world's rough hand cannot erase.*

### AREA CLUB MEETINGS

|             |            |           |                     |
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| 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      |

# I.C.E.

## Joe Cliff & Students

Joe started by thanking us for having them out. This is an elective course where you go to school 1/2 day and work 1/2 day. It is preparing you for the work force. Kids going to 4-year colleges have not seen much change but in the tech/trade school they have seen a dramatic increase in electronics and computer tech. This gives them an opportunity to find out what they don't want to do. They have students that have worked at State Farm and moved up - some have become electricians. ICE teaches them how to deal with people. Presently, they have 56 kids in programs at State Farm, OSF, farms, electricians, plumbers, etc. This gets them channeled and focused on what they are doing.

**Ben Rudin** - works at State Farm Corporate. You learn what you haven't learned in the real world. He is in investment and accounting.

**Kiel Huling** - works at Hundman Lumber. It is an opportunity to meet different people. It helps to get out and meet people that are good at their jobs.

**Ashley Lawless** - works as a teachers aide at Westview. She would like to get into early childhood development. She does a lot of copies, works on projects and works with the kids.

**Jessica Delaney** - works at OSF in Pontiac. She is a Radiological Tech Aide. She likes the hospital but would not become a nurse. She gets to communicate with the doctors - and schedule tests and retrieve old film. She works some in Central Scheduling. She originally thought she wanted to go into Mammography but decided that Radiation therapy is her field.

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### A Mother's Love

John Keith came of age during the late 1930s. He was younger than most of the boys in his class and still wore knickers and knee socks. The older boys wore pants.

For graduation, all boys were expected to wear pants. And since Keith would receive a medal during the ceremony, he knew he would need to adhere to the dress code. But the Depression still had a grip on the economy and Keith was aware that money for pants would be an issue.

A week before graduation, Keith finally told his mother he could participate in the ceremony only if he wore pants. When his mother told him there was no money for such a purchase, Keith had a tantrum and threatened to run away. His mother remained calm; she told Keith she'd figure something out.

The next day, she took Keith shopping. They made a stop at a storefront that looked like a bank. Keith's mother asked him to wait outside and she went in. She emerged several minutes later and took Keith to a clothing store where he was fitted for a pair of woolen trousers.

His mother pulled four crisp one-dollar bills from an envelope in her purse to purchase the pants and received 50 cents in change. On the trolley ride home, Keith noticed that his mother was no longer wearing her wedding ring.

We may never know all the sacrifices our parents make for us. But it is certainly humbling when you discover the endless depths of their love.

Adapted from. . . I Thought My Father Was God-Paul Auster, editor Picador