



# The Cornpicker

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### DATE/TIME/

**PLACE:** October 3, 2006 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 24 plus John Trainor

**SING-A-LONG:** My Wild Irish Rose (NOT!)  
My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean

**LOTTO:** Dave Roberts & John Trainor

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

 Keith Bahler

## ACTION ON THE AVENUES

### CLUB SERVICE

#### Programs:

10-10	Prairie Central H.S. Senate
10-17	Carl Borngasser OSF Home Care
10-24	Dean Moser
10-31	John Strong



Check your email this week!  
If you receive the Cornpicker by email, (Thursday) please send a reply and let them know you received it. "Sonshine Designs" is trying to work out some bugs in the system. Thanks!

### Bits & Pieces

We live by hope We do not always get all we want when we want it. But we have to believe that someday, somehow, some way, it will be better and that we can make it so.

Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978), Politician

### 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



## Agriculture in Livingston County

John (Jack) Trainor

Agriculture is good in Livingston County and is getting better. Agri-business is good. The hog market is going well. Corn prices are up to \$3.50. The beans have been good running 60+ bushel but the price isn't too good. Nitrogen costs are down 25%, potash, fertilizer, fuel and seed costs are down, the input dollar is down, making the farmer some

money. Ethanol & Bio Diesel are helping the farmer. When the farmer makes money, they spend money. Ethanol plants under construction are in Canton and Henry. Those with permits - Galva, Streator, Dwight, Kankakee, Gibson City and some others. If these are all built we will not have enough corn. The hog farmers are getting nervous. The corn is at a fair price and the demand is great. Yields have been up the last 5-6 years. The demand is up. They contract to fill 900 bushel containers to float to Oregon and be shipped overseas. A lot of our corn goes to feed lots in Texas and Arkansas for chickens. They ship from Pekin, Illinois to the Gulf. 80,000 hogs will use 800,000 bushel of corn. The hog business has expanded beyond belief. Agronomists are working on planting

corn on corn, no rotation. They will have to do this to meet the demand. It will cost \$1.70 - \$1.90 per bushel to build a \$200 million plant. It takes 40 million bushel to produce 110,000 gal. of Ethanol. They produce 2.5 gal./bushel. Presently, the banks will loan 50-50 to build a plant. If you start today, it would take 2 1/2 years to get a construction crew. It would be ideal if they could use a pipeline but can't due to moisture problems. The government subsidizes .51 per gal. as a rebate for Ethanol. A by-product is DDG. It can only be mixed with feed at 200 lbs/ton for feed. They predict in 2007 they will need 2.1 billion bushel of corn, in 2008 - 3.6 billion bushel In 2006 they had 74 million acres of corn, by 2010 they will need 87 million acres. Presently, wheat is being raised because it is \$4.00/bushel and is 25% cheaper to raise than corn. A Bio-diesel plant is going up in Chebanse, Illinois. In 2007 farmers will use 7.7 barrels compared to 2.8 in 2005. 11% of farmers use Bio-diesel. If all the plants are built for Bio-diesel production, in the next five years they will use 56% of all the soy oil. If you would have invested in Ethanol 7 years ago, you could have gotten back 10 times on your investment. "If the farmer makes money, you make money!"

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There is no better demonstration of faith  
than a man planting seed in a field.