



# The Cornpicker

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**DATE/TIME/**

**PLACE:** April 17, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

**ATTENDANCE:** 23 plus Harlen Elson, Jack Murphy & David Estes

**SING-A-LONG:** The Band Played On

**LOTTO:** Bud Gerber and Rod Stevens

## **ACTION ON THE AVENUES**

### **CLUB SERVICE**

**Programs:**

- 04/24 - To be announced via e-mail
- 05/01 - John Tollensdorf
- 05/08 - P.C.H.S. ICE
- 05/15 - P.C.H.S. - Interact
- 05/25 - P.C.H.S. Student of the Month & Accelerated Readers

**Membership:**

We sang Happy Birthday to Bill Orth.

We mourn the passing of John Goold, Joan Smeltzer's Dad. You have our sympathy, Joan.

### **Bits & Pieces**

*Don't be afraid to take a big step  
if one is indicated. You can't cross a  
chasm in two small jumps.*

*David Lloyd George (1863-1945)  
British Prime Minister*

### **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



Living History  
In Livingston County

## Jack Murphy, President David Estes, Education Director

Jack Murphy is the President and lives in Pontiac. He was a teacher for 48 years and served in Korea. He grew up in Cornell and coached basketball. Dave Estes lives in Normal and is a Vietnam veteran. When Jack went to Korea, he was an engineer until he got there. His orders changed to infantry. Dave's dad started the museum. They represent the whole county. There are a lot of Vets that just like



to come up and visit. They are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every day but Sunday. Their location is in the upstairs of the Old City Hall in Pontiac, next to the Route 66 Museum. They have had visitors from 46 of the 50 states and 20 foreign countries. A WWII Conference was held on Saturday. Dave started 12 years ago in 1994 to honor the Vets. The displays are in the open to be looked at and some touched. They have helmets, rifles, etc. The museum is staffed by Veterans to answer any questions. Their focus is to honor veterans. They are reaching out to schools, clubs and social organizations. There are 25 members on the board. They plan to have a conference on Korea in September. Vietnam in November and Iraq in the Spring. Their website is [www.warmuseum.us](http://www.warmuseum.us). They are supported by membership and donations as a 501 charitable organization.

## Welcome to Our Museum

Walking through our museum is like taking a tour of the 20th century, including artifacts, uniforms and weapons of several wars: World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This is living history because our staff is made up of military veterans and history enthusiasts who are present to answer your questions and share their experiences with you.



Our museum does not glorify war, but shows the best attributes of men and women caught up in war. In doing so, we respectfully honor the service of America's veterans.