



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: Dec. 11, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 25 plus Renee Wenger (teacher), Evan Rieger, Shannon Teubel, Mandy Palen, Ali Branz, and Connor Groskreutz

SING-A-LONG: Jingle Bells and Home On The Range

LOTTO: #689 and Ed Palen



ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 12/18 - Life International
- 12/25 - NO MEETING
- 01/01 - NO MEETING
- 01/08 - John Capasso
- 01/15 - Gary Huston - Pontiac Visitor's Bureau
Route 66 Museum
- 01/22 - Bob Nussbaum
- 01/29 - Dean Moser

Membership:

Christmas Parade - Thank you Jim Paternoster for supplying a car for our President to ride in. Thank you to Linda for a great Christmas Party.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Salvation Army Bell Ringer. We still need volunteers for **Dec. 17th**. All the funds stay in our local community.

Student of the Month

Daniel Maurer - son of Robert and Lisa Maurer, Forrest

Daniel is an outstanding Precalculus student. Daniel's homework assignments are always completed on time with all work shown and of top quality. Daniel is detail oriented. When he has a question about a homework problem, he will come in before school to ask about it just to be sure his work is accurate. Daniel's tests display the result of his efforts and are exceptional.

Beckie Sass, daughter of Bill and Sue Sass

The English Dept. is pleased to nominate Beckie Sass as our student of the month. Beckie is extremely reliable and does all she is asked to do and more. Every assignment is revised to perfection. Beckie has outstanding insights into literature and is a dynamic and creative writer. Furthermore, she is loved by everyone and makes the hallways and classrooms brighter.

Kathleen Boles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Boles

Kathleen always displays a consistent effort pertaining to classwork completed in and out of the classroom. She proceeds doing the required work in a quiet but proficient manner. - Science Dept.



JUNIOR HIGH LITERARY CLUB

These students had their contest in October. It is a one shot event. Out of the students that participated, they won 7 first place, 4 second place and Shannon took Judge's Choice. They then performed for us.

"Joe's Pizza Parlor" - Ali Branz & Connor Groskrautz

"Who's Line Is It?" - Evan Rieger & Mandy Palen

"Guys" - Shannon Teubel



Bits & Pieces

Being Prepared

Paul Auster learned a valuable lesson about opportunity at a tender age. His parents had taken him to his first professional baseball game - a thrilling event for the little boy. And it didn't end after the last inning.

His family had stayed in their seats as the crowd poured out of the ballpark. When they finally crossed the diamond to leave, only one exit remained open for them to use - and near it stood one of Auster's heroes.

Summoning all his courage, the youngster approached the man. "Mr. Mays, could I please have your autograph?"

"Sure, kid, sure," answered the legendary Willie Mays. "You got a pencil?"

The young fan searched his pockets, but came up empty. No matter. Surely his father had a pencil, so he asked to borrow it. But his father didn't have a pencil either; nor did his mother or any of the other grown-ups in their group. How could

nobody have a pencil? How could his big chance of getting Willie Mays' autograph slip away from him because of something as insignificant as a writing instrument?

"Sorry, kid," said the slugger, and he left the ballpark.

Eight-year old auster began to cry. He couldn't help it. Not only was he disappointed, but he was angry with himself. He'd failed to prepare for what should have been one of the most memorable moments in his life.

After that incident, Auster never left home without a pencil in his pocket. He didn't know what he might need one for - only that if he were to need it, he'd have it. He would always be prepared for his next opportunity.

Of course, simply being prepared, Auster invited opportunity into his life. Today he credits that pencil for his successful career as a novelist.

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