



The Cornpicker

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"Lead The Way"

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: January 30, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 24 plus Darrell Ifft & Paul Ritter

SING-A-LONG: In The Good Old Summer Time & I've Been Workin' On The Railroad

LOTTO: Mark Steffen & Charlie McDonald

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 02-06 Rod Stevens . . . OSF Hospice - Cindy Stephens
- 02-13 Margie Yoder - Grandma's
- 02-20 Debbie Oelschlager . . . Terri Wells - Sesquicentennial
- 02-27 P.C.H.C. Captains



- 2/05 - Rod Stevens
- 2/24 - Phil Hermes

Bits & Pieces

Doubt begins only at the last frontiers of what is possible.
Giovanni Giacoma Casanova (1725-1798) Writer

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

We still need \$10.00 per person for the Polio Plus Drive. Please give!

A letter from Kate is attached.

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

ECOLOGY

Program: Josh Clemons Speaker: Paul Ritter

Paul is an instructor of Ecology at Pontiac & Heartland. He is a former football coach but now coaches golf. Paul is also the Mayor & Sheriff of McDowell). His high school program is designed to encourage and educate people and businesses to cooperate in taking care of our environment. One program is crayon recycling to re-use or recycle used crayons in area businesses that sponsor the program to ship off the crayons. It is a win-win for the environment and kids. They recycle cell phones and have a "pitch it" program for batteries. Cadmium, mercury and lead are bad for the environment. Mercury was used to dye clothes and for cleaning of goods. It causes brain damage (first you go mad, then blind and finally die).

It is important that we remove all contaminants in water. Drugs we take eventually go through us and into the waste stream. Only 1.5% of the world's water can be consumed. They get a lot of energy and enthusiasm from the 7th and 8th graders and couple this with his Ecology students. He is working with kids that haven't been able to succeed. They have received 7 awards and from the Governor's Home Town Award. Some awards they have . . . "Green Youth Award" and "Pollution Prevention Award".

His class does the "storm sewer stencil program". In this program they had 150 7th and 8th graders and 40 ecology students. They take blue paint and stencil and paint storm

sewer inlets. They have 18 adult chaperones and get all their treats from Dairy Queen. At 8:00 a.m. they have a pep rally. They concentrate on Non-Point source pollution. This is pollution that you can't see or think about. It is a very difficult issue and a community problem. This is the reason you see more people with asthma and Blue Baby, etc. - caused by Nitrogen that starves the body of oxygen. They try to educate the community to learn the sources and the how & why and to "do the right thing!" It takes one day to paint the drains. They have 4-6 people per group. Most things are donated so it is very low cost. They get permission from the council, etc. Also, they clean up as they go. They picked up one hundred 55-gal bags of garbage last year. They scrub the drain and paint. They work hand in hand with the city and the businesses. Their stencil comes from Earthwater Stencils. Business and the environment can co-exist. Everybody is involved and we are all in this picture.



Quips & Quotes

The only time we should look back to yesterday is to look at the positive things that were accomplished to encourage us to do better things today and tomorrow.

Steveie Wonder, Musician

