



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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DATE/TIME/

PLACE: March 20, 2007 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 23 plus Jay Nussbaum & Pastor Spencer Homen

LOTTO: Phil Hermes & Tom Kahle

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 03/27 - Bill Fugate - Jim Walter - Trip to Kenya
- 04/03 - Jim Schahrer
- 04/10 - P.C.H.S. FFA
- 04/17 - OPEN
- 04/24 - OPEN
- 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

Quips and Quotes

A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle.
Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931), Novelist and poet

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

Student of the Month

Student: Kaleen Bittner

Parents: Keith & Vickie Bittner

Kaleen Bittner is a senior at P.C.H.S. and is going to attend Parkland Comm. College and major in Ag Business Management. Kaleen is currently the V.P. of the P.C.H.S. FFA and has had a very active role in the FFA. She has been the foundation chairman, she wrote the Pre-POA, and is in charge of selling tractor raffle tickets at the home show along with many other activities. Mr. Miller and Mr. Ropp nominated Kaleen.

Student: Travis Heins

Parents: Mark & Karen Heins

Travis is a senior at P.C.H.S. and currently planning to attend Parkland College in Champaign in the fall. He will be majoring in Farm Management. Travis has been active in FFA for four years, holding the position of treasurer this year and was instrumental in the restoration of the Allis-Chalmers tractor, which will be raffled off at the FFA auction. He has also been active on the Soils team, Meats judging, Envirothon team, Livestock judging, Ag Sales team, and is preparing for Ag Management team for this spring. Mr. Darren Ropp and Mr. Kyle Miller nominated Travis.

Biloxi Mississippi Mission

Jay Nussbaum

In December the "World Relief Disaster Response" team headed out for Biloxi. Jay and son, Will, headed down on December 26 at 5:00 a.m. with their equipment in two vehicles, one with no heat and no radio except a left knee heater hose. They had to fuel up every 200 miles or four hours. They could get up to 56 m.p.h. with the van. The church they stayed in had one side Hispanic, an academy in the middle, and the other end was English. It had 8 ft. of water in it and the water took all the doors and windows out. They were to work on a larger room in the back for sleeping quarters. In the back lot they had temporary camping. They got food from the food bank and Sam's Club. They have 40-50 people arrive on a Sunday about 2:00 p.m., work all week and leave on Saturday. They bunk in the church - men on one side (using trailers to shower in) while the women got rest rooms and showers in the churches. They had to do everything by hand because all the equipment was being used other places. They made 150-180 meals per day with a warm

breakfast and lunch box for noon and a warm evening meal. Most houses had the roofs damaged. When you looked at the house, it was bad to begin with but worse after the storm. You see a lot of F.E.M.A. trailers in the yards. The first thing they had to do was get all the junk out of their way. Then they had to gut out the house to get to the moisture between the walls. They then would inspect the house. The church would screen all the owners prior to any work being done. They have a team go into a house, one person would pick out colors another cabinets and carpet, one take notes, and a carpenter to make sure what materials were needed. Due to the water damage they had a lot of mold and mildew so they had to gut the house out then treat the lumber and repair the floor for mold and floor repair. They have replaced 15 houses and rebuilt 25. This is just a drop in the bucket as to what still needs to be done. They had 30 in the group to build the lofts. Work crews usually had 50 in them. Last year they sent 860 workers to Biloxi.

Bits & Pieces

A Simple Wish

Three woodsmen came upon an elderly man stumbling around in the forest. "Excuse me," he said. "I've lost my way. Can you point me in the direction of the road and give an old fellow a bit of water to drink?"

The men obliged, and offered the old man water from their canteens, a bit of bread, and some nuts. They escorted him through the woods to a leafy path that would take him to the next village.

"I must repay this kindness you've shown me," said the old man. "I was once a wizard and I still have the ability to grant each of you one wish. But choose carefully, my friends. The choice you make could greatly improve your life or make it worse."

The first man stepped forward eagerly. He was from a poor family and wished for wealth. In an instant, a horse and carriage appeared before him. Inside the carriage was a trunk of gold.

The woodsman climbed aboard the carriage and bid his companions farewell. But as the woodsman waved good-bye, the wizard sighed heavily. He could see into the future to a time when the woodsman would again be impoverished, and as a result would not have the life he'd really wished for.

The second man stepped toward the wizard. He was a gaunt, homely fellow who asked to be endowed with good looks. The wizard complied and the man suddenly appeared handsome and muscular.

After feeling his improved biceps, angular jaw, and smooth skin, the second woodsman thanked the wizard and headed off down the path. Again, the wizard sighed because he knew the day would come when the man would realize that there was more to life than having attractive physical features.

The wizard looked at the third woodsman. He was poor and homely, yet he had just one simple wish.

"So be it," said the wizard who finally smiled, because the last man wished to always be grateful for all that he had.