



The Cornpicker

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DATE/TIME/ Jan. 15, 2008 - 12 noon at Marchelloni's
PLACE:
ATTENDANCE: 23 + Lori Fairfield & Ellie Alexander
LOTTO: Phil Hermes & John Tollensdorf

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

- 01/22 - Bob Nussbaum
- 01/29 - Dean Moser
- 02/05 - Terry Casson (Mark Myer)
- 02/12 - Bill Fugate
- 02/19 - Carl Borngasser (Trent Proehl,
M.D. General Surgeon, OSF)
- 02/26 - John Capassowwaarff

Bits & Pieces

No matter what anybody tells you,
 words and ideas can change the world.
 Tom Schulman
 Dead Poets Society

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



Lori Fairfield & Ellie Alexander

Ellie has been with the Dept. of Tourism for the past 3 years taking over from Betty Estes. Betty helped form the Route 66 Museum and other groups. They average 35 coaches per year and already have 8 for overnight visits. This year the Red Carpet Corridor of 90 miles of family fun will be May 3 & 4. This is the second annual event. They meet monthly and plan a lot of International Tourism. The Livingston Co. War Museum is now 3 years old. They average 1,000 visitors per month. They have many car, motorcycle and bicycle clubs visit. Our area reaps many benefits from this. The museum has free admission and is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday. It is staffed by Vets. Pontiac has a V.I.P. program (Visitor In Pontiac) button. Wear this button and get several discounts from stores. An elevator will be installed at the museum by June 1 which will allow all levels to be handicapped accessible. Bus Tours magazine featured their trolley car and stories in it. Rotary is sponsoring a Route 66 ride June 5 to California on 8 - 10 day trips on your motorcycle if you have one.

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Lorie has been the P.R.O.U.D. director for the past 6 years. They are a member of the Illinois Main Street program. Some major events are Heritage Days & Pontiac First Night. They are trying to keep downtown visible. Presently, about 5% of downtown is not utilized. They have started a media blitz with 800 commercials. A new business coming to Pontiac is a Once and Again store by our own hometown folks. It will arrive in March. Their newest attraction is their Kite Festival on May 31 and June 1. The Chicago Kite Co. will be there. It will be a lot of fun and we can see experts fly a kite along with many sizes and shapes.

Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum • Pontiac, Illinois




Take a peek at what's inside the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum!




Right: Robert (Bob) Waldmire's interpretations of Route 66 are intricate, historical and filled with life. His current project is painting a floor-to-ceiling mural of Route 66 in Illinois. Much of the map-mural is being painted onto the wall of the Hall of Fame. The sketches will be on separate boards and then attached to the wall. These boards can be removed and will be used for promotions outside of the area. Who knows, you just might catch Bob on the job while finishing his work of art when you visit the museum!




LIVINGSTON COUNTY WAR MUSEUM
 THE ARMY EDUCATION CENTER
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 Dal Estes Education Center

 Living History in Livingston County
 321 North Main Street
 Pontiac Illinois 61764
 FREE ADMISSION



Red Carpet Corridor Festival

90 Miles of Family Fun on Route 66

May 3 & 4, 2008 • 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Entertainment, flea markets, many garage and yard sales, antiques, food, historical sites, exciting vendors and many attractions; all located on the Mother Road, Route 66.

www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org